

RUNAWAY YOUTH FINDS SANTA'S IN OUR TOWN

Police Play "Good Fellows" to Errant Lad, Then Send Him Home to Mother

There may be a Santa Claus in Valparaiso, Ind., but from what John Shoupe, a 16-year-old runaway lad from that city has seen of Christmas cheer and good fellowship in Winnetka including the outstanding kindness and generosity of Winnetka police and their friends, he would rather remain here over the holiday season.

So positive was the youth of this fact that, when it appeared that Chief of Police W. M. Peterson would be compelled to return him to his father, tears welled to the boys' eyes, and he pleaded with the chief not to send him home.

John admitted he ran away from home. His father had punished him, he said, and he had started out, just where he did not know and apparently did not care.

Motorists Give a Lift

Motorists along the route were kind to him, he said, and very soon John found himself in Winnetka.

Saturday evening Chief of Police Peterson saw the lad lying on the ground, in the rear of the Village hall. Tired and hungry, the young fellow was taken into the station and it was there that he "got in bad" with the "Chief."

John's first story was that he had been staying with an aunt at Valparaiso, and had received a telegram from his mother, at 155 Long street, Waterloo, Ia., stating that his father had just died and asking him to come home.

The story, doubted, and subsequently investigated, brought a reply from the Chief of Police at Waterloo to the effect that John's relatives were non-existent, at least insofar as his town was concerned.

Admits He's Runaway

Sunday afternoon the boy admitted he had been telling a "fairy tale" admitting that he just plain ran away from home.

Then along came Santa Claus. Bill Wissman donated a pair of high-top lace boots; someone else contributed a good pair of overalls, gifts of food and cash. Comfortable sleeping quarters topped off the epidemic of generosity and caused John to break down and admit that Winnetka is just about the finest place on earth.

Back Home to Mother

John's father having been notified that his son was in custody here arrived Tuesday morning and took the wanderer home. Mr. Shoupe said the boy had simply suffered an attack of wanderlust and started out. Mrs. Shoupe, the father declared, was ill from grief over her son's departure, adding that the return of the "prodigal" would be just about what the doctors ordered.

Winnetka Legion Holds Regular Meeting Monday

Winnetka Post No. 10 American Legion held its regular meeting Monday. Post Commander George B. Massey, who is a member of the park board, gave an interesting talk on the work of the board. Henry Tenney, village president, was scheduled to speak, but was unable to be present on account of illness. It was announced this week that the Legion will follow its custom of previous years in sending Christmas gifts to needy children in the village.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ILL

Miss Marion Elwell, principal at the Hubbard Woods school, has been confined to her home this week with an attack of influenza.

Campers Will Hold Reunion Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 26

The annual reunion dinner for all campers who have been to "Chief" J. W. F. Davies' Indian Hill camp near Ludington, Mich., will be held next Wednesday, December 26, at 6 p. m. The event is looked forward to by the young folks from the time they leave the camp. It is a get-together for all Winnetkans who have visited it since "Chief" Davies took his first group of boys there in 1914. The camp has been equipped for both boys and girls since 1919.

The program for the dinner will include camp fun, stunts, songs, motion pictures of campers in action, brief speeches by some of the old campers, and a talk by "Chief" Davies. Miss Mildred Olson, one of the counsellors, is chairman of the program committee. William Brackett and George Maxwell have charge of the decorating of the assembly room in Community House where the dinner is to be held, and Marion Hilpert and her committee are responsible for the dining room.

Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard Gives Christmas Sermon

The Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of Christ church, will preach at the 11 o'clock service tomorrow morning on the subject, "The Appeal of the Child of Bethlehem." There will be a communion service in the chapel at 7:30, and the usual sessions of the Church school at 9:30 and 11. Next week, in addition to the Christmas services noted in another column, there will be Communion services in the chapel Wednesday (St. Stephen's Day), Thursday (St. John the Evangelist's Day) and Friday (Holy Innocents).

James W. Higgins Dies After a Brief Illness

James W. Higgins, a resident of Hubbard Woods for twenty years prior to his moving to Barrington six months ago, died Wednesday at St. Francis hospital, Evanston, after a brief illness. Mr. Higgins is survived by his widow, Mrs. Harriet E. Higgins, one daughter, Mabelle, and one sister living in Iowa. Masonic funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Memorial Park cemetery chapel under the auspices of Winnetka Lodge No. 1078 A. F. and A. M.

Wins New Honor



Talk Photo

Alan Hoagland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal A. Hoagland, 416 Willow road, Winnetka, and a senior at New Trier High school, was recently elected president of the Suburban League Boys' council. Alan is an outstanding student at New Trier, having starred in football, basketball and track. The new Suburban league comprises New Trier, Deerfield, Evanston, Oak Park, Morton, and Proviso high schools.

Celebrated Medicos of Station WMAQ Aid Needy Families

Radio favorites who perform over station WMAQ were placed on the auction block this week, among them no less a notable than Ransom M. Sherman—of the internationally acclaimed Drs. Pratt, Sherman and Rudolph—whose palatial residence is located at 44 Briar road, Winnetka.

This unseemly traffic in human—indeed—flesh "got by" federal, state and city authorities, since, as readily explained by no less an authority than Dr. Sherman—himself, in person—the enterprise was in the interest of providing a livelihood for the "40 neediest families" in the Chicago metropolitan area.

The scheme embraced a two-hour radio program each evening in which the listeners were accorded the privilege of naming their favorite artists for duty at the microphone in consideration of a generous donation to the Christmas charity fund.

The artists on the auction block included all the WMAQ luminaries, a circumstance which, of course, let in our very dear friends, the three illustrious medicos, namely, Drs. Pratt, Sherman, and Rudolph, not the least distinguished of whom is that incredibly versatile flutist and baritone, Dr. Ransom M. Sherman of 44 Briar road, Winnetka.

Society note: Mrs. Ransom M. Sherman, "formerly Miss Helen White of Wilmette," is vacationing in Cincinnati, "Oho," according to Dr. Sherman.

Present Xmas Pageant at Congregational Church

"Adoration of the Kings and Shepherds," a pageant of the Nativity of Christ is to be given at Winnetka Congregational church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey will have the roles of Joseph and Mary. Many others in the cast are ill at the present date, so that the original cast will be changed considerably.

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SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION

Programs Held at Each Building Yesterday; Children Send Gifts

Winnetka Public schools closed for the Christmas vacation yesterday. The vacation will extend over three week ends to Monday, January 7.

Christmas programs or exercises were held at each of the four school buildings of the village yesterday. The Horace Mann program began at 11 o'clock in the morning, while at the other three schools the exercises were held in the afternoon.

Pupils Send Gifts

Pupils of the public schools here have been spreading Christmas cheer by sending gifts of toys, clothing, and food to children in other parts of the country who are less fortunate than themselves. Such gifts have gone to the Lake Bluff orphanage, the Perry school in Chicago, the Cheyenne Indian schools in southwestern Montana, and others.

For the convenience of pupils and parents who like to send Christmas greetings to the teachers WINNETKA TALK is printing the following list of Christmas addresses:

Skokie School

Lawrence H. Yingling, Geneva, Ill.; Edna L. Olson, Carlton, Minn.; S. R. Logan, 1627 Walnut ave., Wilmette; Donald Cawelti, 810 Elm st., Winnetka; Leah Knoche, 817 Chestnut court, Winnetka; Bertha Gehrke, 544 Chestnut court, Winnetka; Bessie Baker, 955 West Grand ave., Chicago; Conrad Reinhard, 935 Marquette st., La Salle, Ill.; Harriett Ogden, Orrington hotel, Evanston; E. J. Skarda, Winnetka; Claire Bernhard, 315 Green Bay road, Glencoe; Mary Bray, 503 Chestnut st., Winnetka; La Reina Bubbett, 960 Linden ave., Hubbard Woods; Mary M. Reese, 2205 Ridge ave., Evanston; Agnes Spangler, Stanton, Nebr.; Elizabeth Meadows, Tomahawk, Wis.; Alta B. Gahan, 948 Linden ave., Hubbard Woods; Marion J. Russell, 710 W. Lovell st., Kalamazoo, Mich.; Agnes Lilley, 544 East Lucy st., St. Paul, Minn.; Nell Myers, 1112 N. Fountain ave., Springfield, O.; Eleanor Person, 544 Chestnut st., Winnetka; Lela V. Scopes, Paducah, Ky.; Louise M. Mohr, 428 Linden st., Winnetka; Frances L. Murray, 832 Bryant ave., Winnetka; Clark W. Cell, 675 Blackthorn road, Winnetka; Cora Queen, 809 Elm st., Winnetka; Mary Garretson, 561 Lincoln ave., Winnetka; D. E. Devitt, 806 Elm st., Winnetka; Evelyn Loken, 410 Bridge st., Crookston, Minn.; Harry Clarke, 958 Spruce st., Winnetka; Wayne Claxton, Sycamore rd., DeKalb, Ill.; Nell Olson, 2411 Lincoln st., Evanston.

Hubbard Woods School

Winifred Weedon, 204 Fifth st., Wilmette; Esther Bosworth, 322 S. Mich. st., Plymouth, Ind.; Ethel Van Cleve, 731 Simpson st., Evanston; Emilie Forbrich, Antioch, Ill.; Mildred Hughes (Mrs.), 948 Linden ave., Hubbard Woods; Frieda Barnett, (Mrs.) 1025 Blackwood ave., Highland Park; Ella Free, 994 Rosewood ave., Winnetka; Luella Swartz, River Falls, Wis.; Esther Wetzel, 931 S. East st., Jacksonvill, Ill.; Rose Damberg, Eveleth, Minn.; Ruth Barnes, 701 N. Main st., Monticello, Ind.; Ruth Damberg, Eveleth, Minn.; Lila Graham, 1944 Tower road, Winnetka; Helen Johnson, 1428 23rd avenue, Moline, Ill.; Dorothy McKee, 634 S. St. John's ave., Highland Park; Bernice Helff, 731 North Liberty, Independence, Mo.; Miss Olga Leap, Library Plaza, Evanston; Miss Margaret Carswell, 1327 Maple ave., Evanston; Miss Marion Elwell, 425 Bridge street, Northampton, Mass.; Myrtle Ness, Duluth, Minn.

Greeley School

Josephine Starr, 1619 Howard st., Chicago; Marion Stough, 102 E. Chestnut, Apt. 203, Chicago; Grace Margerum, 544 Chestnut st., Winnetka; Beatrice Hayes, Orrington hotel, Evanston; Mildred Cadenhead, 414 Provident ave., Winnetka; Jean Hess, 5717 Blackstone ave., Chicago; Jeannette Baer, 4518 Clarendon ave., Chicago; Marguerite Yager, 11870 Ohio, Detroit, Mich., c/o Marie Yager; Madge Mee, 135 High st., Peoria, Ill.; Fanny Barnes, 215 S. 10th st., Cherokee, Ia.; Florence Affholder, 817 Chestnut court, Winnetka; Florence Cawelti, 810 Elm st., Winnetka; Emily Nelson, Pine City, Minn.; Anne Nechak, Hurley, Wis.; Florence Brett, 505 Provident ave., Winnetka.

Horace Mann School

Ruth A. Jourdonais (Mrs.), 733 Elm st., Winnetka; Edith McKay, Milo, Mo.;

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