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SHOPPING MADE EASY BY VARIETY OF GOODS ON SALE AT THE STORES

Christmas is coming! It is less than three weeks away now. Christmas trees and holly, with its gorgeous red berries, are making their appearance, and the general hustle and bustle and merriment of the holidays is abroad.

All the stores are dressed up now for Christmas. Everywhere you look down town you see the most attractive gifts displayed. It is easy to find a gift for everyone, yet hard to choose one from among so many..

Newnam's used to mean victrolas. It still does, but they also have a fine line of furniture. One of the prettiest desks you ever saw is on display there. It is a charming thing of reed and wood, white, calculated to delight and satisfy any woman. And it is only $18.

Electricity plays a bigger part each year in every household, and electrical gifts are not only practical but artistic. Happy indeed will be the lucky woman who receives the waffle iron which Eastern Shore Gas & Electric Company is displaying. Waffles are coming back into their own, and made this new way, are not only powerfully good but so easy to prepare. This particular iron is priced at $10.

Miller's window is the rendevous of all the kids, big and little. The tree is fascinating, as always, and the toys much-to-be-desired. Any child or woman would be delighted to receive a pair of the Cumfy bedroom slippers they are selling at $1 a pair. Any size and almost any color, and guaranteed to rest one's tired feet.

It is mighty hard to go past Dr. Wright's wnidows without stopping. And unless you are mighty careful, you'll just naturally wander inside. If such a thing should happen to you, ask to see their tray of bar pins, for they are truly beautiful. Exquisite in design, sparking with diamonds, or soft with pearls, they offer a wide variety in size and price. One, especially—but there is no use in trying to describe it, for it is too lovely for words, and, besides, it would only make you envious.

Have you been in the Red Rabbit Gift Shop this week? It is worth a trip just for the lovely scene that greets you as you open the door. In the darkened room stands a pine tree, its branches white with snow and sparkling with myriad icicles. At either side a candle casts its mellow light on the little tree, the shadows playing weirdly on the gifts which are artistically arranged on tables in the background. It is so different, so unexpected, that it fairly takes your breath for a second. Somehow it seems to make you stop and think a minute. without knowing quite why, of the real meaning of Christmas. And then the gifts! Perhaps the latest additions to the stock are the gay dolls that arrived only this week from Chicago. White or black, made of stockinette and toweling, with cleverly designed faces, they are just the thing for the wee kiddie who's not yet big enough to quite manage a big china doll. They are adorable—and if you want one, at $1.75, you'll have to hurry, for there were only a few to start with. A glance at the window is enough; they are peeping out at you, and you can't fail to succumb to their charm.

Many gifts of great value and little price are to be found at Koenig's this year. Kitchen utensils are forever wearing out, and there you can find most anything in that line, and be sure of pleasing mother with a practical present.

Nuttle Hardware offers as a very useful and pretty gift a nickel water pitcher. It is exceedingly graceful in design, and is altogether desirable because it cannot break. The price is $2.75.

So many times, when it is hard to think of just the appropriate gift, a box of delicious homemade candy will just fill the bill. There are two places to get it, either one assuring you of absolutely pure ingredients, and powerfully good candy. The Denton Candy Company will be headquarters for the familiar candy canes and clear toys, curls and baskets, while Merryman, out on Gay Street, can make the most delicious fudge and seafoam you ever tasted. This will be made to your order, so you may be sure of having it fresh and just as you want it.

If you are one of the fortunates who will soon receive Christmas checks from the Farmers and Merchants Bank, you will be able to enter these stores with a glad heart and a full pocketbook. Most of the Christmas joy and cheer, you know, comes from buying gifts for others. And half the fun is dressing them up in wrappings of dainty tissue, or gay Christmas seals and tucking in "From Me to You" cards, so a gift won't wander to the wrong person. The AMERICAN UNION office is the place to go for all gift dressings. A splendid assortment and low prices make it an easy matter to get just what you want. You'll find, too, an excellent line of boxed stationery, of various shapes, sizes, qualities and prices. A monogram, which adds so much distinction to the "write gift" costs but little extra.

Well there! Trust a woman to always see gifts for women. There's not a single man's gift in this whole column. Next week we'll keep strictly to the men's departments, and see how many different, out-of-the-ordinary presents we can find for the men-folks of the town.

DOUBLE CROSS SEALS ARE NOW ON SALE

Double Cross Seals, emblems of a splendid work being carried on throughout our country, have arrived in town and will this week be placed before the people.

Miss Louise Dukes, chairman of the committee in charge of their sale, will place them in the hands of the ladies of the Community Club and in many of the stores and offices before Monday. The merican Union will have a supply Friday morning.

It is hardly necessary to speak of the importance of the work maintained by the sale of these seals. Do your bit by buying as many as you can, and send out all your letters and gifts from now until the New Year with the sign of the Double Cross affixed.

HETZER-STEVENS

Mrs. John Kemp Stevens announces the marriage of her niece, Elizabeth Stevens, to Mr. S. Roy Hetzer on nineteen hundred and twenty-two, at Baltimore, Md.

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Shopping Days Before Christmas

P. T. A. PRESENTS CHAIRS TO C. H. S.

On Monday evening last, the Parent-Teachers' Association of Caroline High School held their regular December meeting.

Mrs. D. W. Davis, the president of the association was in the chair and called the meeting to order shortly after 8 o'clock. The audience sang a familiar, patriotic song and the business session was on.

The Committee previously appointed to arrange for the purchase and payment of new chairs for the assembly were ready with their report and pointed with pride to the chairs themselves, which had been installed during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Professor A. L. Leary spoke in words of praise of the committee's work, and the president read a number of letters received from various societies and classes of the school, congratulating and praising the association and committee for the success that has attended their efforts to provide necessary chairs for the comfort and convenience of the school.

Were it not that high school buildings are erected or retarded through political manoeuvres it might be a wise thing to submit the uncertain possibilities of Denton's, new high school building to the tender mercies of the Parent-Teachers' Association.

A receipted bill of $600 for chairs would seem not to represent an example of energy to be despised.

Upon the conclusion of routine business, the entertainment committee took charge of the meeting.

A half dozen girls and boys from the intermediate grades directed by Mrs. Stone gave a charming little song, which was followed by music rendered by selected voices from the higher grades and which was splendid indeed.

The music was followed by an unusual treat of movies. The committee had secured Mr. W. C. Thomas, county agent, with his movie outfit and we had good pictures, both amusing and entertaining and which concluded with an educational series of pictures of the construction of the Panama Canal. The pictures were well received.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned to meet the second Monday in January.

CHRIST CHURCH LADIES WILL PRESENT MISS ROSELTH BREED, DEC. 15

Through the personal influence and friendship of Miss Caroline Redden the Ladies of Christ Church have secured the services of Miss Roselth Knapp Breed, Boston's leading woman humorist, who will appear in Denton Friday evening, December 15th in the Masonic Hall, at 8 P. M.

Miss Breed has a charming personality and is unsurpassed by any single humorist now on the American platform. In her many roles, both in costume and evening attire, Miss Breed presents different character impersonations in such a realistic manner that when the program is finished the audience feels that they have been personally introduced to the various charcters portrayed during the evening's entertainment.

"A good laugh is beeter than medicine" has been wisely spoken and those who are afraid to smile had better stay away from this entertainment for they would find before they were there many minutes that their faces would not only be drawn into smiles but hearty laughs, so comical and funny does she present her characters.

Miss Redden, in speaking to a reporter for The American Union of Miss Breed, could not express herself too highly of the splendid entertainments given by Miss Breed. Her keen understanding of human nature and careful observation, enable her to depict different characters in such a way that her own personality is lost and the audience sees only the subjects of her stories.

Exerpts from the press of different cities speak only in the highest terms of praise, from which we quote:

Roselth Knapp Breed as an entertainer was simply irresistible. Her humor was of refined character, while the different characters were delineated with a naturalness, a refinement and finish that stamped her the superior of any lady entertainer ever seen on local stage.—Lindsay, Ont., Evening Post.

Miss Breed is a master in the art of appealing to the people's sense of humor in just the right way, as her various stories, monologues and impersonations attested.—Fall River, Mass., Globe.

Miss Breed has earned the title of Boston's leading humorist, and certainly every person present last evening would heartily endorse the designation.—Lynn Daily Item.

Miss Breed is in a class by herself and her convulsingly funny character sketches took the audience by storm. She would be a headliner anywhere. —Sabina, Ohio

Roselth Knapp Breed fully demonstrated her versatility as a reader and humorist. Her readings were altogether in the humorist vein, but the style and character changed in every selection.—Lynn, Mass., Evening News

Roselth Knapp Breed gave a carefully arranged program of monologues, character sketches and short stories, showing herself to be especially gifted as a humorist, and as an interpreter. In fact, in her line of work, few if any surpass her.—Marlboro, Mass., Daily Enterprise

Reserved seats may be obtained at Walls Hardware store without extra charge to those holding adult tickets.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF FIREMENT LAST FRIDAY

Mr. Clarence H. Roe was re-elected president of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company at the regular meeting last Friday night, at which the annual election of officers took place. A good attendance of the firemen enabled the election to go through in rapid fire order.

Mr. Emory D. Kimmey was elected vice-president, taking the place of Mr. Lee Walston. Mr. Raymond Fisher was elected secretary, with Mr. Earl White, the former secretary, as assistant. Mr. Sherman Tribbitt was unanimously elected treasurer of the organization.

Routine matters took up the attention of the firemen for the remainder of the meeting.

W. C. T. U. Meets Monday Eve.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at 7:30 o'clock on Monday evening next at the home of Mrs. Sallie Webster, corner of Sixth and Main streets.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE IN MILLINERY STORE

Only Prompt Action by Messrs. Beauchamp and Evans Prevents Big Blaze

BLAME LAID ON MICE

Tuesday morning a mysterious fire was discovered before it had done much damage to real estate, although practically the entire stock of millinery of Mrs. I. S. Hollingsworth was ruined by smoke.

About 7 a. m. Mr. Boone Beauchamp, painter and decorator, went to Nuttle Hardware Company to make a purchase. While waiting for Mr. Evans, who opens the store in the morning, Mr. Beauchamp walked up and down to keep warm. Going past Mrs. Hollingsworth's store, which is next the hardware store, he noticed flames in the back part of the store. Just then Mr. Evans came along, and he secured the key to the building which is left in Nuttles', and a fire extinguisher and went in to where the floor was ablaze. A space about three or four yards in diameter in the floor near the side door was burned away, the rafters were very badly charred and some packing boxes stored there were burning briskly. In a few minutes the fire was put out, but just in the nick of time, for a little more heat would have broken the glass in the side door, and a draft of air coming through this opening would have fanned the blaze into a serious fire. As it is, the damage done to the building amounts to several hundred dollars, mostly in damage from the smoke, and practically an entire loss of the stock of the tenant, Mrs. Hollingsworth, amounting to approximately $2,000.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was intending to move the last of this week to the store room just completed in the old residence of Senator Lawrence B. Towers on 2d street. It was in preparation for this moving that a quantity of packing boxes and cartons were in the store. Among them happened to be a box of rubbish and the only clue to the fire is the thought that in some way a match or two had fallen in this box of rubbish and rats or mice had gnawed them until they ignited, as everything was fastened tight when the fire was discovered Tuesday morning, eliminating the idea of any vandalism.

All fire in the one stove which had been used in the building was out and the stove was absolutely cold when examined after the fire had been put out. Then too, this stove was clear across the room from where the fire was and there was absolutely no sign of fire in the neighborhood of the stove.

The nature of the fire, the way it was burning at the time it was discovered and the fact that everything was shut tight pointed to the fact that the fire had been burning and smouldering for hours, possibly all night. Due, however, to the fact that the building is built very tight there was no chance for a current of fresh air to get in and it would have been possible for the fire to have burned for hours longer had it not been discovered or the room become too hot and broken the glass in the doors or windows.

Due to the fire, Mrs. Hollingsworth is compelled to postpone her moving until next week, and is holding a fire sale the balance of this week, endeavoring to clear out the goods which have been slightly damaged by the smoke. The fire was not near the goods, and the damage is by smoke only.

BE CAREFUL IN GATHERING YOUR CHRISTMAS GREENS

This is the season of the year when property owners. especially along the highways, should exercise the utmost vigilance in protecting their evergreens, holly, running pine, laurel, and the like.

The gathering of Christmas greens became such a serious matter, because of vandalism practiced, that the Legislature of 1918 enacted a special law covering the subject. This law makes it a misdemeanor, with a fine of $25 or 90 days imprisonment, or both, to remove, injure, or destroy any trees or shrubbs, without the written consent of the owner, or except under his personal direction.

The State Board of Forestry is cooperating with land owners in the enforcement of this law, and will be glad to furnish without charge suitable posters for the protection of property to any who may desire them.

Apply for these posters to the Maryland State Board of Forestry, 815 Calvert Building, Baltimore.

WERE YOU CAUGHT

Saturday evening three state motorcycle policemen raided Caroline county, stopping first at Federalsburg and after making a clean sweep there, came on to the county seat where the same trick was played on the unsuspecting motorist and teamster.

In the raids on Saturday evening every motor vehicle and every team parked, except in places especially designated as parking places, without lights was given a card to appear before the justice of the peace. Those placarded in Denton were to appear before Justice Rickards Wednesday afternoon, but many were found to be absent when court convened.

Those who did appear were given a fine and warned not to be caught again.

About a year ago the same performance occurred and many were found parked on the main streets of the town without lights and were brought before the justice of peace.

While we agree that it is against the rules and regulations of the state highway commission to have a vehicle on the public highways after sun down without lights thereon as prescribed by law, we feel that it is not in order for the state troopers to swoop down on the country people unaware when our local police do not enforce the law.

If the raids continue it will drive the country people away from these towns on Saturday nights which will cause a hardship not only on the merchants, but also on the farmer folk who take but one night off a week and come to town.

FIREMEN REPORT FUNDS RECEIVED

Money Received from Benefits and Carnival Used on Equipment

ALARM COMPLETES OUTFIT

Treasurer Sherman L. Tribbitt, of the Carnival Committee, has been requested by the Denton Volunteer Fire Company to make a public report as to the funds received and disbursed by the firemen in connection with the carnival and other enterprises with which the fire compay has been connected this fall.

Mr. Tribbitt reports the gross total of $5,726.81 was taken in at the carnival and that after all expenses incidental had been paid, a net balance of $2,304.72 remained. This net profit was equally divided between the Denton Volunteer Fire Company and the Denton Community Club, which gave the firemen an amount equal to $1152.36.

Previous to the carnival the firemen held a benefit movie, at which $102.50 was netted in their favor. Immediately preceding the carnival, Dr. S. Parks Cadman lectured here under their auspices, at which time they netted $40.00. A donation of $11 was received, and the movie held last week netted $40.77, which gives a total of $1346.63 having been received by the organization.

Of this amount, orders up to and including the last meeting held last Friday night had been drawn on this account for $852.13, leaving a balance in the treasury of $494.50. Of the amount already withdrawn many of the items were for purchases to put the equipment in first class shape and procure necessary protection for the men.

The biggest expense incurred has been the purchase of the alarm, which is now here and ready for installation. This will cost in the neighborhood of $400. Other items which have been purchased include fire buckets, extinguishers (chemical), lanterns, both oil and electric, axes, six fire ladders, rubber coats, boots and hats, respirators for the nozzlemen and foremen, gaskets for the fire plugs and hose, chassis on which is to be built a hook and ladder truck, and equipment for the firemen's room.

In addition to the above, the Town Commissioners have purchased 500 feet of new hose, at an expense of approximately $700, which has been placed on the three hose carts where most needed.

All hose carts have been overhauled, repainted, the new equipment arranged thereon and the hose houses are being painted. An order has been issued by Chief Anderson for an inspection of all equipment within the next week by all three hose companies.

Hose company No. 2 yesterday had out their cart and tried their new hose, finding it in excellent shape, and ready for use.

Read the American Union, $1.00.

ELECTRIC SIREN HERE AND TESTED

Denton at last has an honest-to-goodness fire alarm. During the noon hour Monday a number of the firemen tested the electric siren which arrived last Friday. The alarm was placed in front of the Den-Mar Mobile Company showrooms on Main Street, and there connected with the electric current. A little difficulty was experienced at first in getting the proper electrical connection, but when this was adjusted those who were near were almost deafened with the noise the alarm made.

It was not expected that the alarm could be heard at any great distance while lying on the pavement under the awning in front of the building, but even at this disadvantage, several persons living on the outskirts of the town report having heard it.

The siren is driven by a four horse motor and uses 220 volt electric current. It has a double head, throwing out its alarm at both ends of the instrument, and weighs 615 pounds. It is four feet long, two feet high and a foot and a half wide, but the amount of noise it can make is not measured by feet but by miles, and when it is properly placed it is expected that it can be heard all over the county on days when the atmospheric conditions are right.

Work on the erection of the siren has been delayed, owing to a delay in receiving permission to place a switch in the telephone exchange, which permission has been asked for and has been forwarded to the proper officials for their sanction. The alarm will probably be placed on two poles 40 or 50 feet from the ground, which will give it the proper chance to make itself heard.

Work on the testing of the siren on Monday drew a large crowd of spectators who were curious to know what the machine was and how it worked. When it was finally gotten in commission they surely found out, and for a few minutes afterward were unable to hear anything else for the ringing in their ears.

As soon as the alarm is mounted it will be tested for several days to see that it wrks satisfactorily under different weather conditions. In all probability, however, these tests will be made at noon each day and when sounded at this hour will signify test and not actual fire.

U. S. ABOVE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN ILLITERACY FIGURES

This is American Education Week, December 3d to 9th. All over the country special programs and exercises will be held in an effort to promote this work. The schools of Caroline County have prepared special programs in keeping with the subject.

American Education Week strives for the blotting out of illiteracy, and its aim is to have no illiteracy by 1927. Among the enlightened nations of the world, the United States has the highest percentage of persons who can neither read nor write. Tabled with other countries, this is how America stands: Germany, 2 per cent; Denmark, 2 per cent; Switzerland 5 per cent; Netherlands 6 per cent; Finland 9 per cent; Norway 1 per cent; Sweden 1 per cent; Scotland 1.6 per cent; England and Wales, 1.8 per cent; France 4.9 per cent; United States 6 per cent. President Warren G. Harding has issued a proclamation in regard to American Education Week in which h says: The strength and security of the Nation will always rest in the intelligent body of its people. Our education should implant conceptions of public duty and private obligation broad enough to envisage the problems of a greatly distraught world. More than anything else, men and women need the capacity to see with clear eye and to contemplate with open, unprejudiced mind, the issues of these times. Only through a properly motivated and generously inspired process of education can this be accomplished.

"The surest safeguard of a free people is an educated and intelligent electorate."

Do You Know These Facts?

Total number of illiterates in the state 10 years old and over, 64,434.
Native white illiterates, 15,368.
Foreign born white illiterates, 13,575.
Negro illiterates, 35,404.
Illiterate males of voting age, 30,091.
Illiterate females of voting ge, 28,786.
Rural illiteracy, 33,441.
Urban illiteracy, 30,993.
Percentage of illiteracy in state, 5.6.

How many illiterates are there in Caroline?

Caroline has 1,245 illiterates and is eighth for the least number of illiterates, Garrett being first with only 763.

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