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Introduction

This article follows up the one from last month when we took a look at the November 1925 issue of the Echo.

ICE RINK WILL BE MADE FOR SKATERS

Freeze and Snow Have Delayed Work
This Week Or It Would Have
Been Finished

An outdoor ice rink for the use of skaters is being made on the lot in the rear of the Mame Sturtevant place which has been used during the summer for a tennis court.

The village board found it could be constructed and maintained at very little expense and felt that this would be preferable to having the children skate on the river where the ice is not always safe and there is no danger of drowning.

A grader was put on the lot last week and the work of leveling it off was started, but the ground was frozen so much Monday that nothing could be done, and Tuesday's snow delayed the work still more.

Just as soon as the weather conditions will permit, the grading will be completed, a low dike will be built around it, and the lot will be flooded and allowed to freeze. Electric lights will be installed so that the rink can be used at night.

It is that this will relieve many Prophetstown mothers of considerable worry about the safety of their children when they start out with their skates slung over their shoulders.

BOYS WILL PLAY

Two Local Basketball Teams to Open
Season Here Friday Night

The local basketball season will begin Friday night at the Congregational gym when two Sunday school teams will meet two teams from Rock Falls. The Rinkey Dinks, which is made up of members of Lawrence Kiner's class will play the Rock Falls Methodist Midgets.

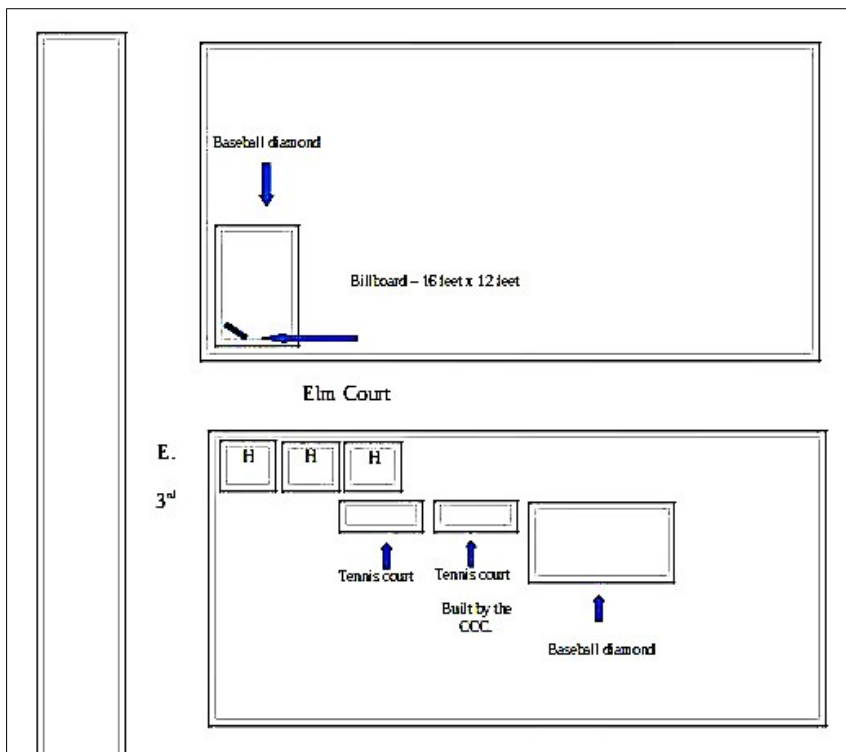
The Prophetstown Prophets will play the Rock Falls Methodist high school boys. This team is made up of members of M. E. Halling's class and will virtually be the team that would represent the high school if it was engaged in athletics this winter.

The first game, which will be between the Midgets and the Rinkey Dinks, will begin at 7:30 p. m. The second game will follow.

Those who will start for the Rinkey Dinks are George Rollo at center, Robert McNamara and Kermit Peterson at forward, and Jack Greene and Lester Peterson at guard.

Kenneth Gould will play center for the Prophets, Lester Burdsall and Harry Mabel, forwards, and Howard Lancaster and Clarence McNamara, guards.

The Rinkey Dinks were an adult basketball team made up of men from Prophetstown. Our high school had not yet been built so they played in the Congregational Church gym.



CHRISTMAS SEALS ARE BEING SENT

**Need \$5000 This Year to Carry on
Fight Against Tuberculosis
in This County**

The Christmas Seal sale conducted each year by the Whiteside County Tuberculosis society was started last week when the seals were mailed out from Sterling to Prophets-town and the other towns in the county.



Those who received them are asked to keep all of them or as many as possible and to remit for them at the rate of one cent each. Any seals which are not wanted should be returned in the stamped, addressed envelope enclosed with them, together with the check or money for those retained.

It is hoped that \$5000 can be raised in the county this year, as that amount is needed to carry on the work during 1926. Three-fourths of the money received from the seals remains in the county and is used to pay for the clinics, provide health crusade material used in the schools, distribute literature on tuberculosis prevention, provide cars for the county nurse and her assistant, pay traveling expenses of some patients sent to sanitariums, and conduct a baby health conference at the Morrison fair.

The committee is anxious that all money be sent in at once so that the work of checking up on the returns can be completed.

Christmas seals are adhesive labels that are similar in appearance to postage stamps that are sold then affixed to mail during the Christmas season to raise funds and awareness for charitable programs. Christmas seals have become particularly associated with lung diseases such as tuberculosis, and with child welfare in general. They were first issued in Denmark beginning in 1904, with Sweden and Iceland following with issues that same year. Thereafter the use of Christmas seals proved to be popular and spread quickly around the world, with 130 countries producing their own issues.

JOHN LEWIS HOLDS HIS ANNUAL DINNER

**Attendance This Year Was Largest
Ever—Many Here From Out
of Town**

John W. Lewis observed his 76th birthday Friday by entertaining more than 150 of his friends at his 12th annual coon and possum dinner at Fraternal hall.

Three tables extending the length of the basement were filled and another table had to be placed upstairs in order to accommodate those who could not be seated in the basement. W. S. Hurlbert, S. W. Gibson, Floyd Shaw, and D. A. Waite waited on the tables.

H. H. Waite was toastmaster and called on Harper Osborn, prominent Chicago attorney, who told, among other things, of the first time he remembered seeing John Lewis. When he was a boy at Denrock his father sold a calf to John and suggested that John shoot the animal, which was over on Indian island. John said he knew a better way than that, and with a killing knife in his teeth crept up behind the calf. Just as he reached for it, the calf started to run, and John caught hold of its tail and hung on while the calf led him a merry chase around the island. John's heels went pretty high going over some of those weeds, Mr. Osborn said, but he finally killed the calf.

Judge A. M. Blodgett of Morrison declared he was not prepared to make any speech since all those who had been at the table upstairs had already made their speeches, and Rev. A. E. Beaumont, who was next, said that he was unprepared because, unlike Judge Blodgett, he had not been upstairs rehearsing his speech.

Rev. J. A. Foard and Rev. Theodore Nordale also gave short talks, and after several of the speakers had congratulated John on living to be 76, praised the dinner, and expressed the wish that he might live 76 more years and have 76 more dinners, Mrs. Lewis interposed with the statement that if John was going to have 76 more dinners he'd have to get a new wife as she didn't expect to live that long.

Those who were present from Prophetstown were: H. H. Waite, C. W. Fenn, Gilbert Rogers, F. N. Brewer, Elwood Beeman, Elbert L. Hill, H. B. Cleveland, H. C. Adams, R. C. Forkey, Leonard Ott, Bruce Cole, H. W. Wildman, J. N. Lowry, Axel I. Swederus.

W. A. Sommers, J. M. Connett, J. C. Houch, Ellsworth Thompson, Frank Cleaveland, Clarence Stewart, G. S. Aylsworth, Ralph McGrady, W. S. Eldred, C. C. Hansen, G. E. Kiner, R. R. Kiner.

J. J. Rogers, G. G. Thompson, E. Rodee, R. W. Olmstead, F. E. West, Amos Ott, C. I. Dickinson, H. G. Hotchkiss, N. B. Brown, A. V. Skarin, B. F. Brewer, Glenn Wheat, Jack Johnson, J. H. Upton.

H. C. Lawrence, Pressly Mann, Aubrey Sturtevant, B. J. Fisk, Albert Field, S. F. Gould, C. C. Plumley, Harold Hodge, H. C. Mathis, A. E. Clark, Grant Wildman, Elmer J. Anderson, Lewis J. Dean, N. L. McKenzie, Earl J. Cleaveland, Jay Cleaveland.

Earl G. Fassett, Henry Taber, Rev. A. E. Beaumont, J. C. Burroughs, William Pritchard, O. E. Clark, F. L. Dudley, Rev. Theodore B. Nordale, Glenn Graham, Stacy Arnett, Simon Keiser, Tyler Lane, Clate Seeley.

Park Thede, Warner Greene, J. H. Tascher, P. S. Moore, F. P. Dudley, H. C. Hammond, M. F. Bane, John Teach, John Frankenfield, E. C. Marvel, G. P. Fisk, F. S. Weekley, P. J. Davies, Albert Roberts.

L. E. McNamara, Mattson H. Baldwin, Jerome Rapp, E. Porter Brown, Louis Zschiesche, A. E. Truax, C. P. Rodee, P. W. Kempster, Donner Waite, W. S. Hurlbert, S. W. Gibson, Fred Adams, G. W. Olmsted.

Roy Crook, J. H. Jenkins, T. H. Taber, C. J. Warner, Rev. Frank Keenan, Guy Cleaveland, A. J. Bracken, Isaac Mabel, Fred L. Brown, W. J. Thompson, Silas Echelbarger, and W. H. Lamont.

Those from Lyndon were H. C. Allen, Elmer Gardner, Walter Fox, D. F. Millikan, William H. Shaw, E. M. McKerg, and J. Sharp.

Those from Morrison were E. W. Meredith, Joe Mann, W. A. Blodgett, A. E. Hamilton, William Boyd, H. J. Ludens, W. E. Tuller, S. P. Stapleton, Fred W. Tripp, M. P. Brewer, Paul F. Boyd, G. F. Johnston, and Lee F. Whistler.

Those from Tampico were Alfred Smith, Charles Wheelock, L. E. Smith, Berton Brown, and N. E. Denison.

Those from Sterling were H. C. Ward, J. J. Ludens, Philip H. Ward, Robert W. Besse, R. J. Besse F. W. Eskey, and Earl Shaw.

Others were Roscoe Mathis and S. M. Sommers of Hooppole; Charles A. Staples of Rock Falls; W. F. Farrell and Harper E. Osborn of Chicago; Harry Moore of Rock Island; C. V. Shaw of Oregon; F. M. Prestley and D. J. Bealer of Fenton; Irwin Coolbaugh of Kingston, Pa.; W. L. Harper of Peoria; and L. Mitchell of Sioux Falls, S. D.

Those who assisted Mrs. Lewis in the kitchen and in serving were Mrs. Fred H. Gresham of Cedar Rapids, Ia., Mrs. A. J. Lewis and Mrs. Dora Houston of Rock Island, Mrs. J. Sharp of Lyndon and Mrs. Ham Warner, Mrs. W. S. Hurlbert, Mrs. William Eldred, Mrs. Will Beechel, and Mrs. Glenn Upton.

John Lewis was a freed slave who came north and became our city constable for many years. He was greatly loved and admired, as you can see from the guest list. For many years he held a game feast to celebrate his birthday and hundreds attended. A great number were from out of town.



Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis

TOWN DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS

**Illuminated Christmas Trees and
Decorations Present Holi-
day Appearance**

With the small electrically lighted Christmas trees in place and with the show windows filled with Christmas goods, Prophetstown has the appearance of being filled with the Christmas spirit.

The decorations were put in place Monday and Tuesday and were illuminated for the first time last night. The large electrically lighted star was placed in top of the monument this year, and the small trees were placed down the middle of the street thru the business district and are illuminated at night by colored lights.

The top lamp in each of the boulevard lights is now red, adding to the holiday appearance.

Christmas decorations and festoons of evergreen will be placed in the monument, and this will be used this year in place of the large Christmas tree which has been placed near the postoffice in former years.

Word has been received from Santa Claus that he will be here Dec. 24 and will meet all the boys and girls at the monument. He will try to have a present for every boy and girl who has been good during the last year.



Our mayor, George S. Brydia, in December 1923. The same Christmas trees were placed down the center of Washington Street and lighted in 1925. We are not sure how they ran the wires that carried the electricity. Today, at the north end of Washington Street is the lighted star mentioned. In 1925 it was placed on top of the monument that once stood in the intersection of Washington and 3rd. The State of Illinois made us remove the monument in the early 1950s, because its presence made it difficult for larger trucks to make a turn in that intersection.

TO HAVE PROGRAM

**Local Sunday Schools Will Observe
Christmas Next Week**

Christmas programs are to be given at all the local Protestant churches in celebration of the Christmas season.

The program at the Methodist church will be by the children of the Sunday school on Christmas Eve at 7:30. It will be in charge of Mrs. Clate Seeley, Mrs. Floyd Breed, Mrs. George Holton, and Mrs. Ralph McGrady.

The Lutheran church program will not be given until Saturday at 7 p. m. This will also be given by the members of the Sunday school.

At the Congregational church at 7:30 on Christmas Eve the Sunday school will give a pageant entitled, "Christmas Everywhere." Mrs. Kenneth N. Fenn and Mrs. Aubrey C. Sturtevant are in charge.

SANTA IS COMING

**Wants to See All Good Boys and Girls
the Day Before Christmas**

Definite word that Santa Claus will be in Prophetstown Thursday, Dec. 24, has been received, and all the boys and girls in this vicinity are invited to be here to shake hands with the jolly old fellow and receive some candy which he says he is bringing for them.

The exact hour of his arrival is not yet known, as Mayor George S. Brydia, who is making the arrangements with him, is out of town, but it will be sometime on Thursday afternoon of next week, probably about 2:30 or 3 o'clock. The time of his appearance here will be announced in next week's Echo. Watch for it.

Santa will be at the Soldiers' monument on the corner by the Farmers National bank and will have something for every boy and girl who comes to see him, so don't let Mother or Daddy forget to bring you, boys and girls.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:—I am five years old. I go to school.

I want a doll buggy and a animal book. Fill my stocking full.

Mary Ellen Matthews

Dear Santa Claus:—I go to school.

I am seven years old.

I want a drum and a story book. Please bring me some candy and nuts. I want a sled if you have any to spare.

Don't forget sister. Merry Christmas to you.

John Lauren Matthews

Bowman, N. D.

Dear Santa:—I would like to have you come to my house and bring me a little sister and a real violin and a stove and kitchen cabinet and don't forget to stop as I have been a real good girl to help mamma. good bye. Geraldine Heer.

Dear Santa:—Will you please bring me a cattapillar tractor, a hebe gun,

and a football. I have been a fairly good boy and think I deserve it. If you will please send me these three things I will be very thankful. Your loving little friend, Willard Seholm.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a little car, a set of boxing gloves, some candy and nuts. I have tried hard to be a good boy. Merry Christmas. Jack Stanley Murphy.

Dear Santa:—Please bring me a new train, a horn, a drum, and fill my stockings full of candy, nuts, and marbles. Yours, John Billy Olson.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want a toy pool table. And a little hatchet. I wish you a Mary Christmas. Melvin Arnett.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring sister, Ruth Ella, and me each a Bye-Lo baby doll for Christmas. Marjorie Bayles.

W. R. C. MET

The last social of the year of the W. R. C. was held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. C. James. Forty-two were present, which is an attendance record. A short time was spent sewing carpet rags after which a short program was given. It opened with the singing of "America" by everyone present, after which Mrs. H. H. Waite and Mrs. Vincent Olmstead sang a duet. Then Mrs. Waite and Mrs. Earl Marvel put on some stunts and Mrs. Ralph McGrady gave a reading, "The Christmas Star." Mrs. F. M. LaDue then had everyone present tell of their remembrances of their first Christmas. After this the regular picnic supper was served.

The National Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) is a 501c3. It was chartered July 25 and 26, 1883, as auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc (GAR) and Congressionally chartered on September 7, 1962.

The mission is to perpetuate the memory of those who sacrificed much and sometimes all in the American Civil War; provide assistance to veterans of all wars and extend needed aid to them and to their widow(er)s and orphans.

WARNING IS ISSUED AGAINST EPIDEMICS

School Superintendent Asks Co-Operation in Preventing Contagious Diseases

By A. E. TRUAX

At the present time there seems to be more favorable conditions for a dangerous disease like diphtheria, or scarlet fever to get started and spread thru a community. Towns around us have cases, but thus far we have been fortunate to have but one or two isolated cases of chickenpox. Parents should be thotful enough not to send any child to school that shows symptoms of any rash or that has any fever. It will safeguard all interests to have a doctor give his O. K. before the child is allowed to come in contact with his playmates. We shall disinfect the rooms each week to ward off all chances of a spread of contagion.

Dr. B. J. Palmer at station WOC, Davenport, is broadcasting a series of lectures entitled "Around the World in 8 Months." The lectures are given at 9 p. m. Tuesday and Friday nights and are intensely interesting from the standpoint of geography. Each child should hear these lectures to supplement the work usually given in geographies.

Supt. A. E. Truax will give a talk before the Woman's club Thursday at 3:15 p. m., the subject being, "The Next Generation." The nurse who spoke in November took the environmental point of view in discussing citizenship. Mr. Truax will show how heredity plays its part in citizenship and will use charts in connection to illustrate. The girls' glee club will furnish two numbers at the close of the talk.

In those early years signs like these were posted on the front of homes warning that the residents were infectious. We had a number of them on our home in Miles City, MT.

HAS TYPHOID FEVER

Miss Helen Merrill is confined to her home with typhoid fever. She had been working at the Elmer Anderson home when they became ill with the disease and when she became ill she thot she had grippe. Her condition is serious, altho she had a good night last night and seems to be better today. A trained nurse is caring for her.

ANDERSON FAMILY ILL

Elmer Anderson and his two sons, James and Robert, are ill at their home with typhoid fever. James has been sick for nearly three weeks and he is recovering, but his brother and father have been confined about 10 days. Their temperature is going down now and they seem improved. Fred McCormick is taking care of them. Mrs. Anderson had not been well for about four months and she has been under the care of a nurse until only a few weeks ago.

ARE QUARANTINED

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Reynolds left yesterday morning for Largo, Fla., in spite of the fact that they received word last week that the home of their son, Clyde, was quarantined for diphtheria. None of Clyde's family has the disease, however, as it is one of the roomers who has it. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds had planned to spend Christmas at the home of their son so they left, knowing that they will be placed in quarantine as soon as they reach there.

IS COMING HOME

At the time of going to press Miss Bernadine Lowry was on her way here from Chicago where she has been quarantined for scarlet fever. Her mother, Mrs. J. N. Lowry, was with her. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry went to Chicago on Christmas day to be with their daughter and Mr. Lowry came home that night. Miss Lowry is still very weak and will probably have to remain here several weeks before returning to Oak Park to her duties as teacher.



CANTATA WAS GIVEN SUNDAY EVENING

Large Number Heard Christmas Music
Given by Special Choir at
Congregational Church

A Christmas cantata, "Promise and Fulfillment," was given Sunday evening at the Congregational church under the direction of Lucille Fraser Simon. Leith B. Fenn was the accompanist, Camilla Sturtevant assisted with the violin, and Annie Elizabeth Hodson read.

The first part of the program began with "Largo," by Haydn played by Mrs. Fenn, and "Holy Night" was used as the processional. Edson Smith then sang "The Birthday of a King" by W. H. Neidlinger. After a prayer Miss Hodson read, "The Two Who Stole at Christmas Time."

The cantata was then given, the numbers being in the following order: The Promise, introduction and chorus, "I Have Made a Covenant"; contralto solo, "Then Thou Speakest in Vision," Mrs. Harold Cady; soprano solo, quartet and chorus, "The Lord Shall Defend," Mrs. Palmer Rodee; Mrs. Cady, W. W. Carley and Mr. Smith.

Contralto solo and quartet, "The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me," Mr. and Mrs. Jess Burroughs and Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley; duet and chorus, "A Mighty Salvation," Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs.

The Fulfillment, soprano solo and chorus, "There Were Shepherds," Mrs. Emery Lanphere; soprano solo, "Noel," Mrs. Rodee; tenor solo and men's chorus, "And It Came to Pass," Leslie Fadden; contralto solo, women's chorus, "A Christmas Lullaby," Mrs. Sibley with violin obbligato by Mrs. Sturtevant.

Chorus for men's voices, "Three Kings Have Journeyed"; quartet, trio and chorus, "Hymn of Adoration," Miss Fern Davis, Mrs. G. L. Cleaveland, L. W. Karl, and Mr. Smith; solo and chorus, "Rejoice Greatly," Mrs. Rodee; postlude, "The Fraternal," Lindsay.

Those who sang in the choruses were Miss Areta Bane, Mrs. Burroughs, Miss Fern Davis, Mrs. Lanphere, Mrs. Carl Marvel, Mrs. Rodee, sopranos; Mrs. Barbour, Mrs. Cleaveland, Mrs. Cady, and Mrs. Sibley, altos; Mr. Burroughs, Mr. Carley, Mr. Fadden, and Mr. Karl, tenors; Dr. Bruce Hart of Chicago, Mr. Sibley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. C. E. Simon, basses.

ECLIPSE MACHINE CO. HAS ANNUAL BANQUET

Shop and Foundry Employees, Office
Force, and Salesmen Met
Thursday Night

The fourth annual banquet of the Eclipse Machine Co. was held Thursday evening in the city hall with 124 seated at the tables. All the salesmen who could get here were present, and there were only three of the local employees who were unable to be there.

The large American flag owned by the company was used to decorate one wall, and the tables had white covers with a strip of red thru the middle of each table with the candles on this strip.

Music was furnished during the dinner by Mrs. Lucille Fraser Simon, Mrs. Marie Rodee, and Mrs. Leith Fenn. Roy Crawford of Clinton, Ia., one of the salesmen, led in the singing between the talks.

The dinner was served by the Prophetstown Woman's club, with the girls from the domestic science class at the high school acting as waitresses. The menu included roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, apple salad, preserves, pickles, coffee, ice cream, cake, cigars, cigarettes, and mints.

Grace was said by Ryan Baker, one of the employees.

George S. Brydia, sales manager for the company, acted as toastmaster, and brought up the subject of a building and loan association for Prophetstown. He introduced H. C. Adams, the general manager, who expressed his appreciation of the loyalty and co-operation of the employees, endorsed the idea of a building and loan association, said he would like to see it possible for every employee to own his own home, and ended by presenting to Miss Maude Washburne, the office manager, a string of pearls as a token of appreciation and regard from the employees.

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F. D. Angell, foreman of the paint shop, spoke briefly and ended by presenting to Harry Haug, the draughtsman, a wool blanket from the men. Mr. Haug was next, and he in turn presented a wool blanket to Mr. Angell.

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Silk velour hats were presented to Fred L. Adams, president of the company and to H. C. Adams, as tokens of esteem from the employees. Everyone present was then given a large and handsome lacquered box put out by the Beechnut company and containing a package of each of the many products made by that concern, such as jellies, peanut butter, bacon, gum, mints, etc.

These boxes were presents from the Eclipse Co., and in addition all the men received bill folds from the company. The shop and foundry employees found bonus checks in their bill folds, the amounts depending upon the length of time they had been employed here.

Those from out of town who were here for the banquet included Mr. Fitch, Mr. Crawford, Albert F. Browne of Sterling, auditor for the company, P. F. Van Auker of Sterling, salesman for the Wisconsin territory, and Fred W. Hoefler of Tampico, salesman in Ohio.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Old Santa:—Have you guessed what I want you to bring me for Christmas. It is a Bye-Lo Baby Doll. And please don't forget something for my little baby sister's stocking. Lovingly, Helen Schryver.

Dear Old Santa:—I wish you would bring me a blue pocket-book, ball that stickes out it tongue, and a mamma doll. Elsie Wildman.

Dear Santa Claus:—I would like to have you bring me a pair of ice skates. Please bring me some candy nuts and oranges. That is all this year. William Alba Johnson.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am seven years old and in the second grade. will you please bring me a covered wagon, a little tractor, and some candy and nuts? Please do not forget my little brothers and sisters. My little sisters want a doll buggy and some mittens. I wish you a

Cobs \$1.50 a load delivered. Aylsworth & Thompson.

Some people burned cobs in place of coal.

Christmas garters at Hodson's.

Both men and women often used garters to hold up their socks.

Gould & Plumley's famous doughnuts, 30 cents per dozen, Tuesdays and Fridays. Order early.

30 cents in 1925 would be abut \$5.50 in 2025.

PROPHETSTOWN ECHO

PROPHETSTOWN, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 23, 1925



CLUB HAD PARTY

At the regular meeting of the Friday Bridge club at the home of Mrs. T. H. Taber Friday night a Christmas party was held after a few games of bridge. The guests exchanged gifts, and a number of humorous ones caused the recipients a great deal of merriment. The hostess served a lunch late in the evening.

HAD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Kings Heralds of the Methodist church had a party at the J. A. Foard home Saturday afternoon. This was the regular December meeting and Elizabeth Connett was in charge of the lesson. A Christmas tree had been provided for the occasion by Mrs. Foard and the telling of Christmas stories and the singing of songs completed the program. Idabel Olmstead and Elizabeth Connett, the entertainment committee, served refreshments.

ARE HOME FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

College Students Have Been Arriving
for Several Days—Many are
Home for First Time

Prophetstown's representatives in the schools of higher learning have most of them arrived home for the Christmas holidays. For many of them it is their first visit home since their departure in September.

John Adams was probably the first student to reach home. He came from Delafield, Wis., where he is taking his third year at St. John's Military academy.

Miss Barbara Mathis reached here shortly after noon Friday from Madison, Wis. She is taking her first year at the University of Wisconsin and is the only Prophetstown student there.

A number of students came home Friday night. Among them were Miss Ruth Warner, who is taking her second year at Cornell college at Mt. Vernon, Ia., Miss Livona Weaver, who is in her first year at Augustana college at Rock Island, and Conrad Sundbury, who is also in his first year at Northwestern college at Naperville.

Mr. Sundbury had a rather unfortunate accident about a week ago when he fell on the sidewalk and broke his left arm just above the wrist. He has had only a very little pain with it, however, and had to miss no school on account of it.

Misses Darlene and Eva Dell Johnson, who are at Knox college at Galesburg for their second year, came Friday afternoon.

From Normal on Saturday afternoon came Misses Lucille Swanson, Irma Morrill, Lois Rollo, and Vora Lawrence. All are there for their first year's work.

Vernon Washburne, who attends the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, reached here Saturday afternoon, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Washburne.

Clarence LaDine came Tuesday night from Maquon where he has been visiting at the home of his sister since his school was out Friday at Augustana college where he is in his second year.

The students at the University of Illinois reached here Tuesday night. They are Misses Leona Hudson and Floy Aylsworth, and Robert Adams, Ward Pritchard, and Vernon Hotchkiss.

Miss Hudson and Mr. Adams are in their second year at the university; all the rest are there for their first year. Miss Aylsworth attended Cornell college at Mt. Vernon last year.

AT THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services

10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Preaching service, sermon subject, "Christ in His World."
7 p. m. The pastor will use for his theme "The Home." This sermon has been prepared with the young people in mind who are home for the Christmas vacation and we extend to them a welcome.

Dr. E. C. Lumsden, the new superintendent of the Joliet-Dixon district of the Methodist church, was here Friday evening and conducted the first quarterly conference of the year at the Methodist church. A large number of the officials of the church were present and every one seemed to be well pleased with the fine spirit

in which Dr. Lumsden conducted the session. He was well pleased with the reports that came in from the various departments of the church. The Sunday school report from Mr. Amos Ott showed that the average attendance in the school for this quarter was 181. Mrs. Grant Wildman reported the work of the Ladies Aid society which showed that the women are working faithfully with money in the treasury. The Woman's Foreign Missionary society with Mrs. Frank Chapin as president has accepted all the increased work that has been assigned to the local organization by the general board. The reports from the financial secretary, Mrs. Clayton Seeley, and from the treasurer, Frank Cleveland, showed the church to be in a good financial situation. The pastor gave a general report of the various activities of the church, laying special emphasis upon the Church Night program and the Sunday school work as well as speaking in a general way of the work planned for the coming months.

Rev. J. A. Foard, Pastor

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Children's Christmas program, Saturday at 7 p. m.

There will be no Sunday school Sunday morning.

Swedish services Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

Let us come together and sing some of the old Swedish Christmas Psalms as of old.

Come Hither Ye Faithful, Triumphantly Sings.

Come see in the manger you Saviour and King!

To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;

Oh, come ye, come hither, to worship the Lord!

STORES WILL CLOSE

Most of the stores, including the groceries, will be closed all day Christmas.

The things I want ~ for Christmas



"If there is ever a time in a man's life when he needs a woman's advice, it's around Christmas time. For the general aid of mankind—and in hopes that a few of my good friends, who feel that they must buy me a Christmas present will see, and heed, I'm listing below a few articles that I always begin thinking about at Christmas time.


"And if the puzzled male will make W. J. Thompson's store his shopping headquarters he will find there many other things always dear to the heart of every woman—at just the price he wants to pay."

Dresses
Gloves
Ladies' Hats
Silk Scarfs

Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Kimonos
Collar and Cuff Sets
Glove Silk Underwear
Scarfs and Hats to Match

Sweaters
Ties
Silk Hose
Hand Bags
Silk and Wool Underwear

W. J. THOMPSON




TOYS

CHRISTMAS, the greatest childhood event! Toys play a most prominent part in this celebration! Because we know this, we have taken infinite care in selecting just the right toys for you to buy for your children's Christmas!

We're ready with our toys! You'll delight in the various ingenious playthings. Whether you want a small remembrance for a child, or some toy which will be remembered forever by the child, you may find it at this store—priced, of course, at less.

Christmas is coming! Get your toys now!

J.C. Penney Co.
A NATION-WIDE INSTITUTION - Incorporated
571 DEPARTMENT STORES
210-212 Fourth Ave., Clinton, Iowa



ASK FOR THE
GREEN STAMPS




Buy Your Christmas Presents


HERE AND GET TRADING STAMPS

Silk Socks	Wool Socks
Silk Handkerchiefs	Shirts
Caps	Initialed Handkerchiefs
Neckties	Mufflers
Sweaters	Shoes
Suspender, Garter, and Armband Sets	
Everything for Men and Boys	
Christmas Wrapping Paper	

M. E. HODSON



ASK FOR THE
GREEN STAMPS



WHEN IN CLINTON
Enjoy the best in
Music—Vaudeville—Pictures

at the

ORPHEUM

Cut This Coupon
Out and Save Half!

THIS COUPON ADMITS

TWO

Readers of the
Prophetstown Echo
to the

ORPHEUM

CLINTON, IOWA

FOR THE PRICE OF

ONE ADMISSION

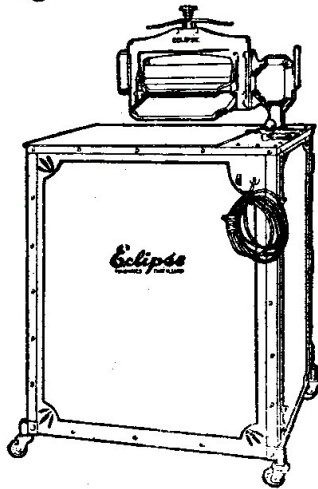
Good Any Time Except

Sundays or Holidays

Hodson was in a wood-frame building where our hardware store is now. The building burned in 1928.

Green Stamps were given with purchases and could be used to acquire items from their catalog. We saved enough stamps to get a child's rocking chair. Our kids used it, so did our grand kids and now the great grand kids have it.

7 Reasons that save you real Money



- 1 It will wash the clothes without injuring them.
- 2 It will wash the clothes cleaner.
- 3 It is more convenient to operate.
- 4 It is safer to operate.
- 5 It will handle more clothes than any other family washing machine.
- 6 It will last a lifetime.
- 7 It is fully guaranteed by the makers who have had more than twenty years of successful manufacturing experience.

Eclipse Washing Machine

Every housewife wants a washing machine — and it is vitally important that she get one that will wash clothes thoroughly without injuring them.

The Eclipse is built on scientific principles that insure the greatest efficiency at the lowest cost. The solid copper tub is tin lined — the clothes cylinder is genuine aluminum, with more than 2,000 perforations through which the water circulates — the driving mechanism is all enclosed and works automatically — the electric switch starts or stops the machine instantly — The Eclipse lifts the clothes out of the water when they are ready to wring.

The Eclipse is sold under an absolute guarantee of satisfactory service. You must see it to realize how greatly superior it is to other machines, and why it is most economical to buy.

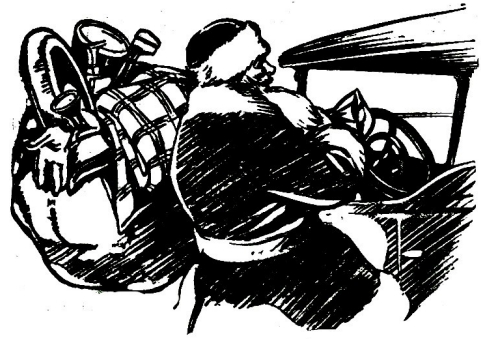
Come in any day, see The Eclipse, and judge its merits for yourself.

The Eclipse Machine Co.

MANUFACTURERS
PROPHETSTOWN, ILLINOIS

Eclipse also made a chain saw.

My mother used one of these wringer machines for many years and it lead to one of my brothers getting into quite a bit of trouble. That brother hated what he called “stringy” meat (beef), which we had quite often. On those occasions he would put the meat into his pants pockets, then dump it out in the yard after the meal. One day he forgot to get rid of the evidence. The pants were washed and when mother open the lid to drain the water there was beef floating on top of the water.



Something for His Car

The way to a man's heart nowadays is thru his car, so if you are especially anxious to please him, make your gift something that adds to the comfort of motoring.

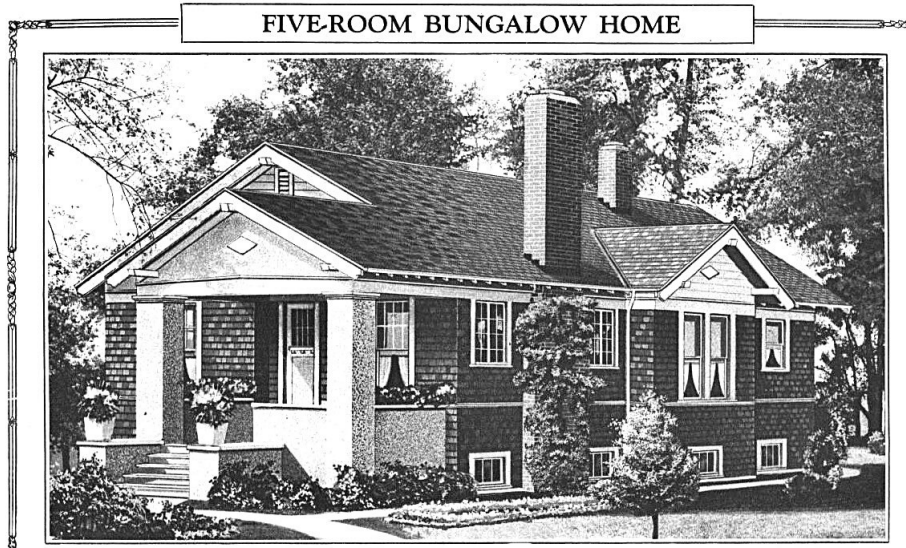
LET US SUGGEST A FEW

Spark Plug Tester	Windshield Wiper
Tire Gauge	Stop Signal
Set of Wrenches	Tire Chains
Spot Light	Foot Accelerator
Heater	Pedal Pants

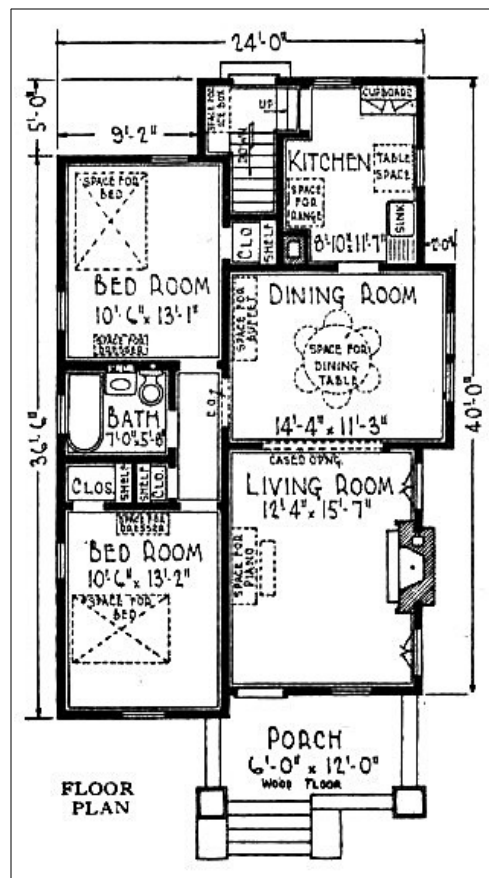
Prophetstown Tire Co.

Many cars did not come with heaters. They had to be purchased separately.

Some prices from the 1925 Sears catalog



The 2025 price would be about \$32,400.00. This price included all materials shipped to your town by rail. Then you or someone else would have to assemble the home.



*Essentially Correct
Are These Youthful
New York Styles*

17 D 3240
All Wool Velour
\$14⁹⁸
Belgian Lynx Coney
Fur Trimmed

17 D 3245
All Wool
Vel-Suede
\$16⁴⁸
Venetian Lined

17 D 3235
Romandi
Bolivia
\$22⁵⁰
Guaranteed
Satin de
Chine Lined
Mandel Fur
Trimmed

17 D 3255
All Wool
Chamona Suede
\$35⁰⁰
Guaranteed Satin
de Chine Lined
Opossum
Fur
Trimmed

17 D 3250
All Wool
Faunesia
\$19⁹⁵
Polaire
Guaranteed Satin
de Chine Lined
Mandel Fur Trimmed

17 D 3260
All Wool
Suede
Deltana
\$29⁹⁸
All Silk
Lined

*They are Fully Described and
Sizes Listed on Page Opposite*



Money is spent,
Candy is eaten,
Flowers die,
but
A BULOVA
WATCH
ticks
merrily on
forever
and ever!

The Gift she
will always
Cherish!



White gold filled
engraved case, 15
jewel BULOVA
movement ----- \$23.75



15 jewel movement
and white gold filled
case ----- \$27.50

Wrist and Pocket Watches
\$25 to \$2500

C.W. Fenn & Son

In 1925 many drug stores sold jewelry
and some had jewelers on their staff.

On Christmas Morn



Try to imagine a finer gift than a Hupmobile. It can't be done, Dad, so if you've been thinking of a new car next spring, move the date forward and make this a real Christmas in your home.

On Christmas morn at break of day, if you say the word, Old Santa will deliver a 1926 holly-bedecked Hupp at your door. If you do, you'll touch the secret spring and expose a family happiness that you never knew existed before.

COME DAD! MAKE THE WHOLE FAMILY GLAD!

Keiser & Keiber

Distributors of
HUPMOBILE and STAR CARS

Keiser & Keiber were at 335 Washington St.

In 1925 there were about 70 auto makers in the US.

The Hupmobile was produced from 1909-39 by Hupp Motors.



The Star was produced by Durant Motors.. This model was made to compete with the Ford Model T. Star produced vehicles from 1922-1928.



Gifts of Comfort

They'll warm the feet and heart of a friend. Give slippers for Christmas.

L. W. KARL

Prophetstown's Exclusive Shoe Store

Karl was in more than one location in town. At one point he was in what became Rod Copeland's law office.

Christmas-Time

Folded in a corner of my dresser
drawer

Lies a treasure that I would not
change for gold;

Only a small handkerchief, but dearer
far

Than are many costly things or
treasures old.

It was given me at Christmas many
years ago

By my little boy, then but a few
years old;

But tho he was so young he had
learned to know

That pleasure gained by giving is
manifold.

Christmas-time is giving time the
whole world round,

But the gift need not be measured by
its cost;

And the pleasure of the giver will be
often found

To equal that of those who get the
most.

Christmas time is loving time we all
concede,

And so gifts given with love are all
that count;

Whether handkerchiefs or fortunes
they are gifts indeed

If we back them up with love in full

amount.

'Tis love that makes the world go
round, we often say,

And scarcely pause to wonder if it's
true,

And the love that fills our hearts on
Christmas day

Is that which should "carry on" the
whole year thru.

For God so loved the world He gave
His Son

That all men unto Him might be
restored;

By gifts of love his people have begun
To manifest their love unto the Lord.

MRS. LOU WOODWORTH

Mrs. Lou Woodworth was what I would call the poet laureate of Prophetstown.