

Judge Warlick Issues Warning To Drunken Drivers

Judge Wilson Warlick, who held the December term of court here, last week in Charlotte gave warning to those convicted in his courts of driving while drunk and speeding, respectively.

Judge Warlick definitely promised chain gang sentences for all convicted of driving while drunk.

"I have but one rule," said Judge Warlick, "that rule applies to rich and poor, negro and white. If you're going to get sent to the roads, if they're convicted in my court of drunken driving."

For several months past he said, he had made it a rule to give all drunken drivers convicted in his court 60 days on the roads, regardless. He cited a case of a well-known physician in a mountain county who is now serving a 60-day sentence on the roads.

The judge predicted that the North Carolina Legislature is going to find itself shortly enacting a law which will compel every judge to send drunken drivers to the roads. "X X X The only way to make a law concerning drunken driving is to make it mandatory and with no exceptions. The Legislature ought to compel judges to sentence those convicted of drunken driving to not less than 60 days on the roads, and to revoke drivers' licenses for a period of not less than one year. There is only one cure for the malady and that cure is prison. It has reached an awful pass in North Carolina when drunken drivers are let off by paying \$50 fines.

Santa Claus Swamped by Mail



Christmas is a busy time for Oscar Philipps, new postmaster at Santa Claus, Ind., because of the huge volume of mail relayed to the small postoffice by individuals and companies who wish their holiday letters to bear the postmark of Santa Claus.

Letters Pouring By Thousands To Santa Claus P. O.

Postmaster At Santa Claus, Ind., Expects Mail To Reach Million Mark

SANTA CLAUS, Ind.—"Santa Claus" is in a predicament. It's the mail—thousands and thousands of letters. And he doesn't know how he is going to get dolls and bicycles for all the little girls and boys who have written for them.

"This is my first year as Santa Claus," says Oscar L. Philipps, postmaster at Santa Claus, Ind., "and it's a lot of fun for many of the letters are happy ones, but there are many heartaches, too, in my mail."

"From all over the United States, from Ireland, Germany, New Zealand and England I have had letters from children. I am trying to answer as many as possible, but I cannot get to all."

"It makes my heart ache when I read the letters from the poor children—especially when I cannot do anything about it. I believe I could use a million dollars just in meeting the children's requests."

Boys and girls are getting old-fashioned, Postmaster Philipps said.

"Why, I don't believe there ever have been more requests for bicycles and dolls," he said. "At least 90 per cent of the girls want dolls and the boys are almost as eager for a bike."

Philipps, the father of three boys and two girls, takes his new job seriously.

Twenty-two thousand pieces of mail came to us on just one day last week," he said. "From now on, we will be swamped, for every one wants us to get the mail right back on its way at the proper time. I believe we will handle a million pieces this year."

Philipps became postmaster of Santa Claus early this year following the death of James F. Martin, who had held the position for 26 years. He is a practical fellow, serious, minded and self-assured.

All around Santa Claus, Ind., projects dealing with the old Saint are being developed. One, when completed, will be everything a child ever dreamed Santa Claus's home to be. It will have an eskimo village, a workshop, a wishing well, a lake around which reindeer will be free to roam, and a paradise island.

A great statue of Santa Claus will be the foremost in the park. The development is the work of the Santa Claus Good Fellowship club, a nonprofit organization. It will take a year or more to complete.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Long ago a babe was born,
Before the years began;
In a manger he was cradled,
There in Bethlehem.

In the sky a star was shining,
Over the stable bare;
Through the night came Wise men bringing,
Gifts to offer there.

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Chemist Claims He Gets 2,000 Bushels Of Potatoes To Acre

DETROIT.—It begins to look as if the Government might have to look into Arthur C. Pillsbury and plow under every third idea of his if they want to curb overproduction. Experimentator Pillsbury can grow 2,000 bushels of potatoes to the acre instead of a measly 80 bushels.

In Detroit, Mr. Pillsbury told of his extraordinary experiments with potatoes. To grow 2,000 bushels to the acre you don't plow the ground at all. You build a shallow tank on the ground, fill it with six inches of water, cover it with wire netting, cover the netting with a layer of excelsior and plant the potatoes in the excelsior.

But there is one other thing. Into the water you have to place a special chemical diet for the potatoes. Eleven of them are enough to supply the customary sustenance potatoes draw from the soil. From then on all that is required is that the tank be kept filled with water. The excelsior carries the moisture to the roots and later the roots protrude down into the water.

"All the plant energy ordinarily devoted to gaining chemical food and moisture from the soil now may be devoted to creating foliage and potatoes," Mr. Pillsbury explains. "The result is that the plant produces 10 to 20 times as many potatoes as usual, by number and volume."

"Think what this will mean when we work out the right chemical formulas for growing our usual foods," he said. "About 20 cents worth of chemicals and a tank 20 feet square in the back yard will produce enough food to keep any family a year. In Japan, in Italy, even in England the saving of space would be revolutionary."

Plenty Of Money In State's Banks

Gurney P. Hood, State bank commissioner, reporting the past week on the condition of State banks as reflected in their November 1 statements, pointed out that loans showed an increase of \$6,000,000 during the past year, "which is a good sign."

Deposits went up \$56,500,000 between June 29 and November 1, cash on hand increased \$14,000,000 during the year and investments in bonds \$34,600,000.

Reserves of State banks increased \$52,971,000 during the year to a total of \$314,109,000, which was only \$28,000,000 below the previous all-time high record of \$341,182,000 set in October, 1929.

GOP Convention Will Be Held In Cleveland In June

Decision was made Monday to hold the national Republican convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in June. The selection of the largest city in Ohio is looked upon by some political observers as being a shrewd move for the G. O. P. leaders, as Ohio is in the doubtful column this year.

Another reason for the selection of Cleveland, and an important one, was that the Cleveland committee plunked down \$150,000 to help defray convention expenses.

And the third reason, to those who are superstitious, the last time a Republican convention was held in Cleveland the candidate chosen was elected—Calvin Coolidge. This was in 1924. Cleveland is easy to get to from the centers of population in the country, and as this year's convention looks to be a "hard-fought battle" this will mean a lot.

Just who will be named is very much undecided, in fact but few will venture even so far as to guess.

THE FINNS ARE STILL PAYING

Once again Finland has kept her slate clear. The Helsingfors government informed Washington last week that the war debt installment due this week would be met. It is \$230,450. Twelve nations have installment due, for a total including arrears, of \$805,311,177.54, but eleven aren't paying.

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