

### Don't on Letter

From Editorial Page

serve the following days when calling on official hostesses:

The White House—any day.

The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court—Monday.

The Diplomatic Corps—Friday.

The Vice-President, Cabinet, and Speaker of the House—Wednesday.

Senators—Thursday.

Representatives—Tuesday.

Mrs. Carolyn Hagner Shaw, in instructions on social form in her 1947 Social List, says that when paying formal calls a woman leaves a card for each lady in the house.

A married woman always leaves one of her husband's cards for each adult member of the family—man or woman.

She says the joint card (Mr. and Mrs.) can be used, leaving the sin-

very very...

# MERRY Christmas

It is with grateful appreciation of your courtesies during the past year that we take this means of expressing the compliments of the season. Mistakes and problems of the last twelve months are of minor importance at this glad season and we look forward to the future with every confidence and anticipation. *A very Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!*

### Hazelwood Garage

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### Letters Pack Santa Claus Post Office To Get Favorite Holiday Postmarks

**AP Wirephoto**

**SANTA CLAUS, Ind.**—Just turned 100, Santa Claus knuckled down to a giant-size job of postmarking Christmas letters and packages today. Besides taking on a heavy load hurried from Mother Goose.

The wartime stamp is over for this tiny southern Indiana hamlet, and most of the population has already come to work on the mail mountains in the two-room post office and the shops that began business long before Thanksgiving.

Postmaster Oscar L. Phillips looks to Saturday in enough time to begin his well-remembered red suit, but he said the loads of mail coming in for Santa Claus postmarks is far heavier than ever before.

Even before Thanksgiving, seven helpers were on the job handling thousands of letters and packages from boys and youngsters impatient for the sound of reindeer hooves and "ho-ho-ho" cries. Those children's "Dear Santa" letters that have returned and cases are answered in the American Legion post at

Tell City, Ind.

Founded in 1846 as Santa Fe, the village summered without distinction until 1895, when the postoffice department asked for another name, to avoid confusion with another Santa Fe in Indiana. The postal rush has grown with the years and widening popularity, but only in recent years have toy makers capitalized on the unique name of the village.

Opened for the first time this year is a "Santa Claus Land" gift and toy shop opened by Louis J. Koch, Evansville manufacturer, with an "enchanted trail" of sculptured characters—one third of a mile long—of such notables as spider-frightened Miss Muffet, Beanstalk-climbing Jack, Little Boy Blue and Humpty-Dumpty.

Under construction is a second miniature railroad, designed with a 59-foot train to haul loads of 30 children on a blitz tour of the "Pyramids," the "Swiss Alps," the "Grand Canyon" and even across the "Atlantic Ocean."

Before the war, the Santa Claus mail volume reached half a million pieces in a one-room postoffice in Annie Martin's general store, and

### U. S. Food Prices May Drop Slightly

**WASHINGTON**—Here's a cheering note for housewives:

The Agriculture Department expects food prices, now at record high levels, to drop somewhat within the next three to six months. The extent of the decline was not specified, but the Department said it probably would not be as great as after World War I.

A less optimistic note was sounded for meat prices. For the remainder of the winter these are expected to decline but little from present high levels. And in the spring, pork and lamb prices may even increase, but beef costs, particularly for the better grades, may go down.

visitors came in thongs as big as 6,000 at the height of the yule season. Now, with the postoffice set up in its own two-room building and toy vendors reproducing the imagery of childhood, Postmaster Phillips foresees new life for Santa Claus during its second hundred years.

A pair of mice, beginning at the age of six months, will bear an average litter of nine young three to 12 times a year.

### Two Bethel Scouts Receive Life Rank At Court of Honor

Two Boy Scouts from Troop 42, Bethel, received the award of life rank at the Court of Honor for Precinct River district of the Canton Y.M.C.A. on Dec. 18. The awards were made by Roy L. F. Mabry to Joe Jack Wells and William E. Mannors.

Merit badges presented by Lewis Gates were awarded Roy Lyster, Jimmie Robertson, Troop 16, Canton; Lewis Gates, Jr., David Deas, Troop 1, Canton; Charles Peck, Joe Jack Wells, Alvin Cook, Jr., Troop 12, Bethel.

Alvin Cook, Jr. and Billie Queen, Canton Troop 16, received the award of first class scout from Don Randolph, J. R. Lyster gave the award of second class to Billy Sutton, Joe E. Mordkin, Troop 16, Canton; Barry R. Pate, and B.

W. Smathers, Troop 1, Canton; Jimmy Burgess of Bethel and Charles Wilson of Canton were installed as permanent scouts by Gale Garner, field scout executive.

**Greetings**

To our good friends, those whom we have had the privilege of serving in the past, and those whom we'd like to serve in the future, we send this little package of Christmas cheer. It is heavily laden because it carries our most hearty appreciation of your friendships, patronage, and cooperation that you have shown this institution in the past. It also brings you our earnest hopes for a full enjoyment of the Holiday season.

Accept our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

**Farmers Federation**

At The Depot

**Sentinels of Health**

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Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of toxic impurities constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure.

When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide ailments. One may suffer nagging headaches, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel tired, nervous, all worn out.

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*and the New Year*

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**THE BLESSINGS of CHRISTMAS**

*As we herald the approach of another Christmas season, we count our blessings in good friends and pleasant associations.*

*It is appropriate, then, that we extend our warmest greetings and add the hope that the coming year will be the best you have ever enjoyed and that from the experiences of the past we may gain strength for the problems of the future.*

**Barber's Orchard**

Waynesville, N. C.