

"Mail Gifts Early" Warns Local P. O., Naming Last Dates

Best Handling Is Assured by Following Christmas Schedule

"Mail Christmas parcels early to insure careful handling and delivery not later than Monday morning, Dec. 24" is a warning issued today by postoffice officials. The following schedule prepared by local headquarters will help local persons to send their gifts in plenty of time, insuring against disappointments Christmas morning and securing the best handling of parcels.

- Pacific Coast States—Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada Idaho—December 15 to 17. Western States—Montana, Wyoming, Utah—December 16 to 19. South Western States—Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas—December 16 to 19. Near Western States—North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado—December 17 to 20. Southern States—Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina. Eastern States—New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, New England States—December 17 to 20. Neighboring States—Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky—December 18 to 20. Illinois—December 20 and 21. Dogs Have Topknot Many dogs of the Mexican hairless variety are crested with a topknot and carry a tuft of hair at the tip of the tail. In others it is brittle and upright. The eyes, hairless, are yellow, hazel or dark bordered with pink or dark rims. Like that of an impatient race horse, the nervous tremor of the muscles and stews is characteristic. Not classed for any particular utility, he is considered, however, a good hunter of rabbits and rats. His owners attest that his intelligence, brightness and affection more than repay that tolerance of his unprepossessing appearance.

Santa is At Your Favorite-Drug Store. Mitcham Lavender GIFT SETS. Cutter's From Trees. Indian Shell Mounds. Fredlund Drug Co.

Lake Zurich Community Woman's Club

The Reading Circle met at the home of Mrs. Melvin R. Elde Friday to hear Mrs. J. L. Clements review "Georgian House" by Frank Swimerston. Tea was served following the review.

Cuba Township

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kelsey and daughters Shirley and Betty of Chicago were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelsey. Letters have been received this week from Mary Gardner telling of her safe arrival in Las Vegas, N. Mexico. It took five days to reach their destination and they are having snow storms and quite cold weather, she wrote.

Lake Zurich

Mrs. Arthur Froelch and daughter Marilyn have returned from a week's visit with Mr. Jack Ringer in Alton, Mrs. Otto Rohm has left to spend the winter with her sister Mrs. T. J. Taft in Seattle, Wash.

Lounsbury Chapter, 494 O.E.S. Elects Officers at Meeting Monday Night

Lounsbury chapter 494 O.E.S. held election of officers Monday evening with the following results: Mrs. Sophia Tonne, incoming worthy matron; Harry L. Hammond, worthy patron; Mrs. Katherine Robinson, associate matron; A. N. Robinson, associate patron; Mrs. Katherine Pathan, conductress; Mrs. Charles Thies, secretary; Mrs. Mary Nightingale, treasurer; and Mrs. Ida Landwer associate conductress.

Fox River Grove

Mrs. Emil Buresh entertained the C.C.C. club at her home Wednesday afternoon. High scores were made by Mrs. A. Wenzel, Mrs. T. Jettick, Mrs. L. Buresh, Mrs. Anton Homola and Mrs. G. Sieburg. Members of the local Holy Name society church hall in Cary Monday night and made plans for a dance to be held about January 1.

Romance Surrounds Early History of Lowly Tomato

The early history of the tomato is replete with romance, legends and fairy tales, writes a correspondent in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Disregarding the latter two, it is known that the tomato did not come to America until about 1600, and then only as an ornamental bush with glowing, brilliant red "love apples" dangling from stems to tempt the Adams of that day. The hated witches were reported as using tomatoes in their concoctions and incantations to "shoot" away devils and pronounce curses upon those who dared to eat them. One which in early times was said to have used tomatoes in her soups and as sauce for her meats, but it was current belief of those about her that she was immune to poison and the bitter fire held by the beautiful red tomatoes she grew about her lowly hut.

Legends of the Unicorn

Once Were Believed True The unicorn which figures in the British Royal Coat of Arms is emblematic of Scotland and was introduced in the Royal Coat of Arms at the time of the union of Scotland and England, says the Montreal Herald. The unicorn is a purely fabulous creature, having the head of a horse, the hind legs of an antelope, the tail of a lion and sometimes the beard of a goat. The horn which projects from the center of the forehead is similar to that of a narwhal. Through as a rule savage and quarrelsome, the unicorn at mating-time was said to become very gentle to his mate, which is supposed to have given rise to the medieval idea that the unicorn was subdued to gentleness at the sight of a virgin, and would come and lay his head in her lap, which was the only means by which he could be caught, because of his swiftness and ferocity. The picture of a unicorn on a drinking cup symbolized an ancient belief of the efficacy of the unicorn's horn (sometimes used as a

drinking cup) against poison. Another medieval legend about the unicorn is that when it stooped to drink from a pool, its horn, dipping into the water, purified and rendered it sweet.

Colors of Races

In the diet of our ancestors it found the answer to the question, why the first men were black, the result of a diet consisting chiefly of vegetables and fruits, writes H. T. Turner in the Kansas City Times. The addition of milk to the diet of some of them, evolved a skin of brownish hue. The Mongols of Asia, among the first to tend flocks of domesticated animals, mixed meat with their milk and fruit and vegetables, and thus developed the yellow race, of which the red race (American Indians) is an ethnological division. The addition of salt to the foods of the Caucasians excited a bleaching influence that resulted in the evolution of the white race.

Hickory a Native American

The hickory has a special attraction because it is a native American tree. It is not, like the Norway maple or the English elm, of foreign ancestry. The Indians called it the polkiberry, but in the course of time Americans dropped the first syllable. They used it for bows and for club heads. It is now used for ax handles, wheel spokes, chairs and barrel hoops, and the like. A basket made of hickory strips will outlast the maker's lifetime. As a fuel burned in an open fireplace, it has no superior.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Turnspit Dog

Up to about 1800 in England and France, the hardest working member of large households' was the turnspit dog. In a revolving treadmill-like cage, hung from the ceiling and attached by pulleys to the spit before the open fire, these dogs would run from two to three hours at a time, turning the meat while it roasted.—Collier's Weekly.

Educated Elephants Fail Persuasive power of circus elephants are not rated as highly in the suburbs of Umtali, Rhodesia, as they were prior to the visit of a herd of wild members of the trunked family. Fierce bush fire recently drove the nomadic herd to the outskirts of the city, and the suburbanites became frightened. Police placed a cordon around the elephant area but when the huge visitors appeared they stayed their welcome, six trained elephants were borrowed from a traveling circus to persuade their wild brethren to leave peacefully. Instead of retiring, the unwise guests charged the educated elephants and then made a drive against the sightseers, causing a stampede of suburbanites. Finally the police lighted the suburb's bush and the flames drove the invaders away.

Ricksha in Ricksha

Shanghai, China, is the city where East meets West and a queer combination of ancient oriental customs and the latest modern fads are part of the everyday life of the city. One of the latest in the installation of radio sets in the Rickshaws which are the principal means of transportation of the city. The two-wheeled, motor-driven vehicles have been used for hundreds of years by the wealthier classes of Chinese. The narrow, well-lit streets of the native quarter make any other form of transportation impossible. In China, with its more than 400,000,000 population, man power is the cheapest in the world. It is an inconceivable sight to see a coolie hauling his passenger in his ricksha and listening to the strains of a modern dance band.

Hospitals Charge More Than Cleaning Plants

Hundreds of lives are injured trying to clean a garment at home. It is worth taking the chance! Send your dry cleaning to Barrington Laundry. Phone 26.—Advt.

To Thrill Any FEMININE HEART. Don't let your Christmas shopping be a burden and a worry. SMART NECKWEAR—\$1.00 and \$1.50. LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—25c and 50c. SWEATER SETS—\$2.95 and \$3.95. CAP AND SCARF SETS—\$1.00 \$1.50 \$1.95. NEW SATIN AND CREPE SLIPS—\$1.95. PANTIE AND BRASSIERE SETS—\$1.95. OUR FINEST HOSIERY—69c \$1 \$1.35. S. Lipofsky & Sons, Cook and Station Streets.

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