

Doctor Repairs Surgical Tools to Give 11 Orphans College Education

With a tool sharpening outfit and a motor truck home, Dr. L. A. Clark, Stuttgart, Ark., tours the country for one great purpose—to do unto others.

And his efforts have resulted in 11 orphans gaining college education.

There is more happiness in a life lived for others than in one in which success is gained in a profession and a fortune accumulated for one's self.

That is the life's sermon of Dr. Clark and both Clark and Mrs. Clark affirm the fact that they are happier in a nomadic life—one in which saving a fortune has been a last thought—than they would have been in a life lived in the more usual way.

Born in the Isle of Malta of missionary parents, Dr. Clark came to the United States at the age of four. When seven he ran away from home in New York and became a boot-black.

Then it was Dr. Clark says, that he learned what difficulties confront boys trying to make their own way.

"I resolved, if ever I were able to help as many homeless boys and girls as possible," Clark explains.

Later he attended medical school. Then his ill health overcame him and the physician and his wife started traveling. Mrs. Clark was sympathetic with her husband in his eagerness to aid homeless children.

They traveled and Dr. Clark confided his efforts to mechanical work on surgical tools. In that line he met many leading physicians and surgeons throughout the country.

With them aiding in finding worthy young men and women, Dr.



DR. AND MRS. L. A. CLARK STANDING BY THEIR HOME AND WORKSHOP WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE TO REALIZE HIS LIFE'S AMBITION.

Clark began his life's work. Orphan, then another, was adopted and placed in school.

Now nine young women and two men have been graduated from col-

leges through his efforts. All of them have good positions or are successful in professions.

"That is enough reward for any man," Dr. Clark says.

Alfred Wills on the Barton Organ. For the three days of the week starting on Monday, Dec. 14th, Eleanor Boardman supported by Pat O'Malley and Harrison Ford will be seen in "Froud Flesh," a comedy drama of Madrid and San Francisco. A bill of high class Vaudeville and the Pathe News of current events will complete the program.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17-18-19th Florence Vidor and an all-star Paramount cast will be seen in "The Trouble With Wives," an amusing film story of a bride who found out just what the trouble was. Vaudeville of a high grade nature will also be presented. Gloria Swanson in "The Coast of Folly" is the current attraction for the last three days of this week.

Christmas for Adults

By Mary Graham Bonner

HERE wasn't a single child in the family now and Christmas, they all agreed, was a time for children. At any rate they all said that.

They had scattered as families sometimes do, and those left in the town were two other families. Yes, it was quite true there wasn't a single child in the family now. They had nieces and nephews, small children they knew and were fond of to whom they would give presents. They would give nice presents, too.

They themselves would be sensible. They would not give presents to each other. They were grown-up. Why should they go in for something that was distinctly a possession of childhood?

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The table was set the night before. There wasn't much to do Christmas morning. Later they would go to church and join in singing the Christmas hymns. That would be suitable the day—to the holiday, holy day, joy.

But there was a time in between—a time before when the children had had their presents—when still the children, before they had grown up or gone away. That time would be curiously, outstandingly empty.

No one talked about it. No one said a word. But none of them could quite bear to think of that Christmas present time when the packages were opened, when there was curious, excited and pleasure, delight in one's own gifts and in the gifts of others.

No one said a word. No one knew what one said was thinking.

But early that morning one of the members of the family down by the mill telephoned the other family, and asked them to come down early.

"I just fixed up one or two little things," said the one who had telephoned, a little shy, and to her own family she said the same.

They came. Every one gathered about the old table that had been brought out every Christmas. It was a shabby old table, but it somehow seemed to be a part of Christmas. And in no time it was covered with gifts. Every one had surprised; every one fixing up little presents for each other. And the table groaned under its weight of packages tied with gay old ribbons and tied together as of some one's thought.

"That we agreed we wouldn't give any Christmas presents to each other this year," they murmured from time to time.

"I've said we wouldn't have a Christmas celebration now that we were all grown up."

"Christmas was said, was entirely a day for children. We give lovely things. Just as they had said. But so deeply was the Christmas celebration around the shabby old table, before the big fireplace, rooted in the heart of each that they couldn't, in spite of their resolves, do any differently.

"I think," one of them said when every present had been opened, "it's a thoughtful little gift and surprise, that Christmas should be for every one. No one is too old to enjoy it."

And how proudly they set their friends as they met after church:

"You must come in and see our presents. We give lovely things. Just what we wanted."

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Christmas Wisdom

A foolish man is one who doesn't know what his wife wants, so he goes and gets it—probably a clothes washer.

A wise man knows his wife needs a pair of articles, but has wit enough to buy her double-decker Java earrings!

—Martha Manning Thomas

Misfit

Misfittee, when not suspended, is regarded by the superstitious as a harbinger of bad luck.—London Tit-Bits.

DEBATE FARMINGTON

This afternoon the debating team of the Baldwin High School consisting of Kathryn Butler, Leslie Clark, and Paul Kurth, leaves for Farmington. The Birmingham team will maintain the affirmative side of the child labor question and the debate will take place before the entire student body of the Farmington High School.

Hits Politicians

Woman for more and better jobs. In the slogan of Miss Julia M. Alexander, daughter of former Congressman S. B. Alexander, she is calling warring politicians of North Carolina by the backing she is obtaining as a candidate for the next gubernatorial.

At the annual meeting of the Michigan high school principals held at Lansing on Thursday and Friday of last week Melvin C. Hart, principal of the Baldwin High School, was Birmingham's representative.

During the two days there were musical programs, addresses by prominent Michigan educators, reports of the committee on a proposed state uniform marking system, discussion of the athletic situation in Michigan led by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association, and a banquet at the Hotel Kerns on Thursday evening.

William McAndrew, Superintendent of Chicago schools, was by far the outstanding speaker at the convention, according to Mr. Hart, between the regular meetings the delegates collected in small groups and discussed informally the ideas voiced by the speakers. Practically every high school in Michigan was represented.

SIX BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN PAST WEEK

Building permits issued this week were for three houses and six garages. J. G. Struening is to build a two family residence constructed by Hubbard and Hubbard to cost about \$2,000.00.

Basil Henry's permit provides for a home to be built on Kenesaw avenue, Brightland subdivision.

Davis and Keft are permitted to build a residence on Pilgrim road, through Lake subdivision, the estimated cost is \$15,000.00.

The six garages built on Henrietta avenue, Brightland subdivision, are to be used for storerooms until ready for occupancy.

COMMUNITY HOUSE

Friday, Dec. 11—Miss Smith's Dancing Class, 2:30-8 P. M. Business Girls Club, 8 P. M. Saturday, Dec. 12—Boys, 10-12, 8:00-11:30 P. M. Sunday, Dec. 13—Sunday School 10:00-11:30 A. M. Monday, Dec. 14—Miss Bonnell's Dancing Class, 2-8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 15—Literary Club 2:30-4:30 P. M. Wednesday, Dec. 16—Holy Name Altar Society, 2:30. Girl Reserves, 4:15. Thursday, Dec. 17—Business Girls Luncheon, 12 noon.

World's Smallest Church

The world's smallest church is the unique war memorial—the Temple of the Brave erected at Hedge End, South East England, in memory of British sailors and soldiers who fell in war.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in and County on the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1921.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Amy R. Miller, deceased.

Thelma W. Miller, having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to said Thelma W. Miller, said petition will annulled or some other suitable order.

It is Ordered, That the 6th day of January, A. D. 1922, at ten A. M., at said Probate Office is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That Public notice thereof for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

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BALDWIN THEATRE

NOW PLAYING!! LAST 2 DAYS THIS WEEK GLORIA SWANSON in "THE COAST OF FOLLY"

VAUDEVILLE—PATHE NEWS—BALDWIN ORCHESTRA

COMING SUNDAY ONLY, DEC. 13TH (Continues 2:30 to 11:00 P. M.) SEENA OWEN and DAVID POWELL In "FAINT PERFUME"

A Film Story You'll Never Forget GREAT VAUDEVILLE BILL—PATHE REVIEW—ORCHESTRA

3 DAYS STARTING MONDAY, DEC. 14TH (At 6:45 and 9:00 P. M.) ELEANOR BOARDMAN Pat O'Malley, Harrison Ford In "PROUD FLESH"

A Comedy Drama of Madrid and San Francisco BIG VAUDEVILLE ACTS—PATHE NEWS—ORCHESTRA

3 DAYS STARTING THURSDAY, DEC. 17TH (At 6:45 and 9:00 P. M.—Sat. Mat. at 9:30) FLORENCE VIDOR And All-Star Paramount Cast in "THE TROUBLE WITH WIVES"

An Amazing Film Story of a Bride Who Found Out BANNER VAUDEVILLE—PATHE NEWS—ORCHESTRA

NOTICE

TAXES FOR SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP Will Be Received Beginning Friday, December 18, 1925

At Home every Friday after the above date until February 1, and the following places to receive taxes:

First State Savings Bank, Birmingham, January 5th. People's State Bank, Redford, Jan. 2nd and 16th. Palmer's Store, January 6th. Van Every's Garage, January 12th. Fourth Gate, January 9th. John Curran's Store, January 7th.

Collection until January 31st. After that date, 4% will be added.

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Theatres

BALDWIN THEATRE ATTRACTIONS NEXT WEEK

An excellent line-up of feature film attractions have been arranged for at the Baldwin Theatre starting next Sunday, Dec. 13th, on which date "Paint Perfume" featuring Seena Owen and David Powell will be presented. The all-star Vaudeville bill will also be given as will the Pathe Review and all new selections by the Baldwin Orchestra and by

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