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## Christmas Presents That Will Last

CEDAR CHESTS MATTING BOXES  
FLOOR LAMPS  
TABLE LAMPS FOOT STOOLS  
PEDESTALS  
FANCY BASKETS SMOKING STANDS  
EDISON PHONOGRAPHS  
FIRELESS COOKER  
HOOVER SWEEPER

**W. J. WRIGHT**

### SAMUEL ROBINSON DEAD AT MOROCCO

Word reached here this Monday morning of the death of Samuel Robinson of Morocco. Mr. Robinson had been sick for some time as noted from time to time in the Republican. He was about sixty years of age. He is an uncle of Mrs. Van Wood and a cousin of Mrs. L. H. Hamilton of this city. We were unable to get the particulars before going to press.

### DR LOY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MEDICAL SOCIETY

At the meeting of the Jasper Newton medical society at the home of Dr. A. R. Kresler in this city Friday evening, Dr. E. N. Loy, of this city, was honored by being elected President of the society for the ensuing year. Dr. Collier, of Morocco, was chosen for the vice-presidency and Dr. Glick, of Kentland, was elected secretary.

### MRS. NORMAN WARNER VERY LOW

The condition of Mrs. Norman Warner, who is at the home of her son, Hale Warner, is very low and her death is expected at any moment.

### WILL BUZZ WOOD WEDNESDAY

The workers of the Methodist Episcopal church will be at the special services held during Wednesday at the church. The program will be devoted entirely to wood buzzing. Be sure and be there.

### WEATHER.

Snow in north and central and snow or rain in south portion late tonight and Tuesday. Slowly rising temperature.

## ---PRINCESS THEATRE---

MATINEE—2:30

NIGHT—7:00

**TONIGHT**  
Lyons and Moran

### “ONCE A PLUMBER”

Two hard working plumbers want a rest. They hadn't expected arrest! Millions for a night! It was a modern Arabian Nights for the village plumbers. There were enough bath tubs in town to keep two plumbers busy the year 'round, but they yearned for loftier things.

Also  
Universal Current Events.  
Admission, Adults 17c, Children 11c

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

**Robert Warwick**

### “Thou Art the Man”

Laid in the diamond fields of Africa—adventure land of the world's soldiers of fortune; dumping ground of the world's sharpers and thugs! A romance of smuggled gems, of women's love and folly, of heart—Admission: Adults 17c, Children 11c

loss, false imprisonment, or a man's sacrifice for a love that triumphs.

FORD EDUCATIONAL WEEKLY

## WORLD WAR HERO A SUICIDE

LIEUTENANT PAT O'BRIEN KILLS SELF AT LOS ANGELES—WIFE CAUSE.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18, 1:00 p. m.—Pat O'Brien killed himself with a .45 caliber army pistol in a fashionable hotel here following an unsuccessful effort to see his wife who is known as "Virginia Dare," a motion picture actress. He was to have been decorated by the British government in a few days at Frisco. He wrote five letters to his wife before suiding. The following patriotic note was found near his body:

"Only a coward would do what I am doing. But I guess I am one. With all my war record, I am just like the rest of the people in this world—a little bit of clay."

"And to you, my sweet little wife, I go, thinking of you and my dear, sweet mother, my sisters and brothers, and may the just God that answered my prayers in those 72 days I spent in making my escape from Germany once more answer them.

"And bring trouble, sickness, disgrace and more bad luck than anyone in this world has ever had, and curse forever that awful woman, Sarah Ottis, that has broken our home and has taken you from me.

"She caused this life of mine, that just a few minutes ago was so happy, to go on that sweet adventure of death.

"Please send what you find back to my dear mother in Momence, Ill. To the five armies I have been in, the birds, the animals I loved so well, to my friends, to all the world and to adventure, I say good-bye."

"PAT O'BRIEN."

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18.—Police officials today are investigating the mysterious death of Lieut. Pat O'Brien of Momence, Ill., whose relatives live at Lowell, Ind., one of the most noted heroes of the great war, who was found shot to death in his room in a local hotel. It is believed O'Brien shot himself because of a separation from his wife with whom he had vainly attempted a reconciliation. A not found by the police, it is declared, bears out this theory.

The possibility that O'Brien's death may have been caused by another person, however, is being investigated.

O'Brien's career during the war was most spectacular. While a member of the Canadian flying forces which he joined before America entered the war, he was shot down behind the German lines and captured. He was in a German hospital for many weeks and after his partial recovery was ordered to a prison camp.

While en route to the camp he leaped from the window of a moving train and made his way across the whole of Germany to the Dutch frontier, burrowing his way under the famous German wire entanglement erected along the border and more dead than alive. His health shattered he returned to America. Since the war he has written a book reciting his war experiences and has been in considerable demand as a lecturer on war topics.

Beyon the accusation mentioned in O'Brien's note, no reason was known today for the estrangement between his wife and himself. They had been married less than a year ago, it was stated, and came here last June. Mrs. O'Brien was a Miss Virginia Elizabeth Allen, a famous beauty of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Sarah Ottis and Mrs. O'Brien had been staying at the same hotel where O'Brien killed himself. Mrs. O'Brien was prostrated from grief this morning. Mrs. Ottis was quoted as saying to those who interviewed her:

"I was staying with Mrs. O'Brien because she was afraid damage would be done her by her husband. He had been irrational for several weeks."

One Los Angeles newspaper said it had been advised that Mrs. Ottis is the divorced wife of a Dr. Ottis, of Springfield, Ill.

O'Brien was 29 years old and was of American-Irish descent.

Dr. Howard C. Seager, who had been O'Brien's physician, was quoted today as saying he believed the aviator was mentally unbalanced, due to his war experiences.

O'Brien appeared in Rensselaer at the Armistice Day celebration in 1919, and was well known here.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**  
As next Saturday is Christmas and being a national holiday, the mill will be closed. We ask that you place your orders Friday. We take this opportunity to thank you for your patronage during the past year and wish for you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Very truly yours,  
IROQUOIS ROLLER MILLS.

Florence Rees of Boston, Mass., came Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. F. E. Rees.

John McClanahan of Parr, who had been visiting relatives at Hammond, returned home Sunday.

George Sterling and son, Earl, George Sill and Dale Seminer of Chicago spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowers.

## ADVANTAGES OF POWER FARMING DEMONSTRATION

Through the courtesy of the Central Sales Company, the boys of Rensselaer high school were shown the advantages of power farming by way of a practical demonstration and lectures Friday afternoon. Superintendent Dean dismissed school early that all might attend, and as a result a large number of students was present and a very beneficial meeting held.

County Agent Mawhorter was present at the meeting and lectured on tractor farming, pointing out the advantages of farming by power. Mr. Mawhorter was followed by Mr. Ross, of the sales company, who talked on the history of power farming. Both of the talks proved very interesting and instructive, and it is hoped that through a series of such meetings the interest of the farmer student can be brought to the point where he will be a devout follower of power farming by the time his school career is ended.

The Central Sales Company has offered prizes of \$5 and \$2 for the two best essays by high school students on the advantages of power farming. Superintendent Dean and County Agent Mawhorter to act as judges.

**MARKETS BY WIRE.**  
(Furnished by The Farmers Grain Market, H. H. Potter, Mgr.)  
Chicago, December 20, 1920  
Live Stock Market.

Hogs, receipts, 50,000; lower, 10c to 15c; top, \$9.25.

Cattle, receipts, 18,000.

Sheep, receipts, 2,400.

Grain Market.

Mar. wheat opened at 1.64 1/2 and 1.63; closed at 1.64 1/2 and 1/2.

Dec. wheat opened at 1.68 1/2; closed at 1.70 1/2.

May oats opened at .49 1/2; closed at .49 1/2 and 5-8.

Dec. oats opened at .46 7-8 and 47; closed at .47 5-8.

May corn opened at .73 and 72 1/2; closed at .74 and .73 7-8.

Dec. corn opened at .69; closed at .69 3-4.

Monday's local grain prices were: Oats, 41c; corn, yellow 58c; mixed and white, 55c; rye, \$1.30 and wheat, \$1.80.

**MONDAY LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET**

Cream	48c
Eggs	65c
Hens	20c
Fries	20c
Ducks	22c
Geese	20c
Turkeys	35c
Cocks	12c

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Campbell went to Chicago Saturday to spend a few days, from there they will go to Kansas City, Mo., for a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lowman, of East Chicago, came today for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson

came today for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. McColl.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb S. Denny, State Chairman

Sol S. Kiser, State Treasurer

147 Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

## Dresses

We have just unpacked a shipment of new, stylish dresses. The materials are

Duvetyne  
Twillouise  
Velour  
Tricotine

## BRAID AND EMBROIDERY TRIMMED

PRICED FROM \$16.00 to \$28.00

All Ladies' Suits reduced 1-2 this week.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

**MURRAY'S.**

## COMMISSIONERS AWARD CONTRACT

Mrs. Charles Bowers went to Lafayette today.

G. D. Rees was in Monon today.

Gerald Hollingsworth went to Chicago today.

Laban Wilcox returned to Lafayette today.

Mrs. F. E. Rees and daughter, Florence, went to Lafayette today.

Mary McConahey went to Monon today.

Charles Miller spent the week end at Logansport.

Albert Keener went to Monon today.

George Sawyer spent Sunday at Brook.

Orval Potts went to Lafayette today.

Robert went to Chicago today.

Clara Linback returned today after spending the week end at Logansport.

Paul Beam, who is attending the Illinois University, came home Sunday evening.

Frank Gorham returned today from spending the week end at Chicago with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson visiting relatives at Mt. Ayr, returned home today.

## An Appeal to the American People

THREE and one-half million children in Eastern and Central Europe have no alternative to disaster between now and next harvest except American aid.

For months, because the needy were so numerous and the available funds so limited, these most helpless sufferers in the track of war have been admitted to American feeding-stations only if tragically undernourished, and have received American medical aid only if desperately threatened by death from disease.

Winter is closing down. The money of many nations is valueless outside their own boundaries. Economic and crop conditions, aggravated over considerable areas by actual warfare last summer, make famine, with its terrible train of diseases, a certain visitor until next harvest. Inevitably the helpless children will suffer most. No child can grow to health and sanity on the pitiful make-shifts for food with which millions of European adults must content themselves this winter. It is obvious that the remedy can come only from outside.

America saved 6,000,000 European children winter before last. Normal recuperation cut the need nearly in half last year, but unusual conditions have resulted in scant shrinkage of child destitution during the twelve months just past. The response of America must now decide whether 3,500,000 of these charges, in acute distress, shall begin to be turned away in January from more than 17,000 asylums, hospitals, clinics and feeding-stations dependent on American support. There would be no tragedy in history so destructive of those who can deserve no evil.

The undersigned organizations, working among every race and creed, many engaged also in other forms of relief, agree unanimously that the plight of the children should have complete priority in overseas charity until the situation is met. This is an issue without politics and without religious lines. There can be no danger of pauperization, for the \$23,000,000 for child food, and the \$10,000,000 for medical service that we seek, will relieve only the critical cases. The medical supplies, of course, must be an unqualified gift, but for every American dollar used in child-feeding, the governments and communities aided furnish two dollars in the form of transportation, rent, labor, clerical help, cash contributions and such food supplies as are locally obtainable.

America has not failed in the past in greatheartedness. She has never had a more poignant call than this. Contributions should be turned over to the local committees which are now being formed for this national collection, or sent to Sol S. Kiser, Treasurer, Meyer-Kiser Bank, 136 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

(SIGNED)

American Relief Administration

by Herbert Hoover

American Red Cross

by Livingston Farrand

American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) by Wilbur K. Thomas

Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

by Felix Warburg

Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, by Arthur J. Brown

Knights of Columbus

By James Flaherty

Y. M. C. A.

by C. V. Hibbard, International Committee

Y. W. C. A.

by Miss Mable Cratty, National Board