

### Humane Society to Aid Persons Wanting to Play 'Santy'

#### Many Calls for Assistance Come to Headquarters of Organization.

Main 6240 means Christmas cheer for dozens of tots who, with their mothers, have nearly been forgotten by Santa Claus this year. In other words, the Indianapolis Humane Society is acting as an agent for persons who wish to play "Old Santa" to the kiddies and their mothers, who will not have any Christmas unless somebody makes it for them. Cooperating with the Humane Society, which is doing its work under the leadership of Miss Josephine C. Meany, is the Mothers' Aid Association, which has for its goal "keeping the mother and the children together." Cases which need assistance are cited to the Humane Society by the Mothers' Aid, and help is obtained whenever possible.

A special happy Christmas for one family consisting of the widowed mother and six little ones has been planned by three sisters who work in a downtown department store, through the agency of the society. The family will spend the day at the home of the sisters and will be given gifts which will keep them warm and toys which will make the children happy.

#### MOTHER AND EIGHT ASK ASSISTANCE.

However, calls for assistance are coming in with more rapidity than "Santa Claus" can be provided. A mother living in Mare Hill has asked if somebody would not give her eight children a little bit of Christmas.

Down on the south side, on Kelly street, in a tiny house, is a mother with three little girls who won't have any Christmas this year. On Highland drive in a wee house is another mother with four little ones, all less than 12, who are asking her if Santa Claus has "forgotten" her.

Another mother living on McKim avenue, who is working in a downtown building, has told the Humane Society that she is more than afraid that she won't be able to have a Christmas for her four little ones this year. She added that this is the first year that she has never been able to do something for her "babies."

#### CANT BUY COAL TO KEEP WARM.

Out on Noble street is a family composed of the mother, who is a widow, and four children, who are in dire need of assistance in the cold weather. A mother on Lawton street, who lives in a pitifully small house with her five children, cannot buy coal to keep them warm, the society has been told.

Calls for "little help now because it's so cold" are on file in the Humane office from a mother with four children, living on Hoosier street, one with three children living on Minkler street, one with two very small children living on Smith lane, one colored mother with four children living on Barnes avenue, one foreign mother with four children living on Ketchum street.

Miss Meany declared that the need for Christmas help is greater this year than it has ever been before on account of the high cost of living.

"Mothers can't even keep their children alive with proper food, let alone pay the rent and clothe them during the cold weather. We would like to be able to give every family help, not only on Christmas day, but during all the year. But we can't even help them on Christmas."

#### OLD INSPIRED TO GIVE NOW.

Miss Meany said she believed that at this time of the year all children dream about what Santa Claus will bring them, and older people get the spirit of giving.

"There are hundreds of those without happy homes next week who, through some misfortune of fate or chance, have been forced to abandon those things which have meant real life, happiness and endeavor toward progress," she said.

"With them all, however, lingers the eternal hope that something will turn out to make them happy. It is this hope which we are trying to bring true."

Miss Meany pointed out that the society bears in mind that even in extreme instances the mother should be helped to keep the children with her. She said that the Humane Society cooperates only with such organizations which make it a point to help the children when they are with the mother, not insisting upon removing them to strange homes before giving assistance.

### Maine Lumbermen Leave Large Estates

BANGOR, Maine, Dec. 17.—An aggregate of more than \$18,000,000 was left by the multi-millionaire lumber kings who have died here within the last three years, according to inventories to their estates filed in Probate Court.

What is believed to be the largest fortune ever accumulated in this State was left by John Cassidy. It is estimated at \$8,000,000. Cassidy came from Ireland with a pack on his back. Besides his large lumber interests he was a banker and had a wholesale grocery and other business interests.

Dr. Thomas U. Coe, a physician, left an estate of \$5,000,000. He owned six entire townships in northern and eastern Maine, largely covered with timber. Joseph P. Bass, newspaper publisher, was also heavily interested in timber, leaving an estate of over \$3,000,000. Frederick W. Hill, known as the "Silent Smith" of Maine, owned large pine forests in this State and also accumulated money from western timber. He left more than \$2,000,000.

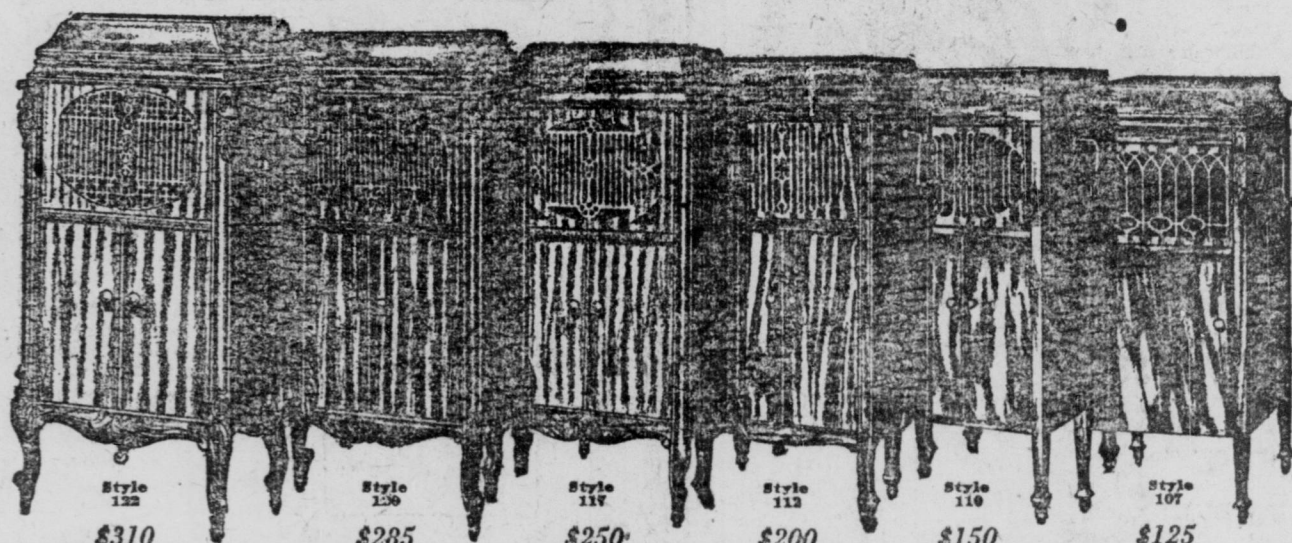
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