

## New President of Mexico Strives for 'Tractor Age'

Seeks to Protect Farm 'Middle Class'

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MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—Miguel Aleman has not long occupied Mexico's presidential palace, but already observers are wondering whether one of his top aims will bring him the empty of the powerful bureaucracy called here "the agrarian politicians."

A major objective of the new national administration is to spur the coming of the tractor age down here.

The new president's first recommendation to congress was, in fact, a constitutional amendment designed to create a middle class among Mexican farmers by protecting the private ownership of small farms.

### 'Small Farm' Is 247 Acres

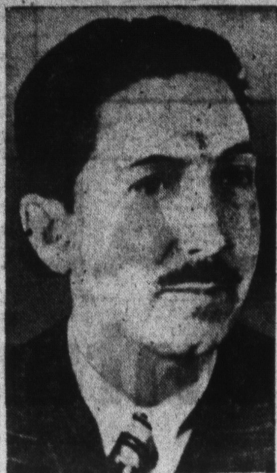
Theoretically, small farms were exempt from the sweeping provisions of Article 27 of the constitution, which defined the program for breaking up large estates and dividing them among the landless peasants. However, that article specifically forbade appeal to the courts from seizure of land.

Now President Aleman proposes to restore the right of court appeal to owners of small farms certified as subject of seizure. His amendment defines a small farm as not more than 247 acres of first-class farm land, or its equivalent in poorer land, up to 1976 acres of the worst.

### Suggests Colonization

Small ranches protected by the amendment are defined as the area necessary to support 500 head of beef cattle or the equivalent in sheep or goats.

The purpose of the amendment, as explained by the president, is to protect small-farm owners and encourage them to increase production.



**WANTS NEW METHODS**—President Miguel Aleman of Mexico has opened a campaign to bring modern techniques to Mexican farms.

by adopting modern techniques of farming. Distribution of land, Aleman says, will continue in line with Mexico's agrarian revolution. Although, he adds, "most of the land has been distributed already."

To supplement this measure, President Aleman is recommending creation of an institute of agricultural research to teach modern farm techniques, and the establishment of a national resettlement commission. This commission will be empowered to thin out the concentrations of population now existing in certain parts of Mexico by forming colonies for transfer to new lands opened by irrigation and drainage.

Although only 7 per cent of the country's area is cultivable without irrigation, the 1940 census listed more than 65 per cent of the nation's 20 million people as engaged in farming.

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## Couple Celebrate 45th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. West, Fishers, will be honored on their 45th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday. They were married Dec. 28, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. West have been residents of Hamilton county nearly all their married life. Mr. West is 63 and his wife is 61.

They have four daughters, Mrs. Aletha Farr and Mrs. Dorothy Forey, Indianapolis, Mrs. Mable Parr and Mrs. Violet Mae Kinman, Noblesville, and two sons, Charles West Jr., Alton, Ill., and Marvin West, Noblesville. They also have 18 grandchildren.

## One Place That Santa Skipped

KOTzebue, Alaska, Dec. 25 (U. P.).—Santa Claus skipped this tiny fishing village this year.

Last Christmas eve he arrived at community hall where 350 Eskimos were having a yuletide party and prepared to distribute his presents. But the natives, who are afraid of a mythical stranger, caused a near riot in getting to the exits.

"The stranger! The stranger!" they shouted.

Santa Claus was left alone in the deserted hall.

## Pittsburgh Officer Slain in Chase

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 25 (U. P.).—O'Neal Coleman, 29, was formally charged with murder today in the shooting of a police officer during a wild Christmas morning chase in the city's notorious Hill district.

Patrolman Louis Spencer, 38, died instantly of a bullet wound in the heart on a street near his home. Police accounts said Patrolman Spencer, off duty, gave chase to an unidentified man who was shooting and brandishing a revolver near the officer's home.

The man suddenly stopped turned and fired one bullet into the heart of the officer.

Later, acting on a tip, police found Coleman hiding under a blood-stained bed in the Hill district. He had suffered a bullet wound in the wrist. Police said that Patrolman Spencer had probably shot Coleman during the chase.

## Dies Following First Yule Party

CHICAGO, Dec. 25 (U. P.).—Tears streamed down the cheeks of Floyd Mann, 50, as he sat in a corner during the Christmas party of the paper company where he worked temporarily as an odd-job man.

"It's just that I never was at a Christmas party before," he told a fellow worker.

The word went around the room, Mr. Mann had no family and seemed to have no friends.

As he left the party, his arms outstretched, he was struck by a car and died of a heart attack.

## Local Briefs

Frank Pfeifer, Chicago, a converted gangster who spent 29 years in prison, will speak at 7:30 p. m. Saturday at True Gospel church, 723 Howard st.

## Ship Cancels SOS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (U. P.).—The U. S. coast guard reported today that the 720-ton British freighter Yancoover City had canceled an SOS, after bringing a fire in her engine room under control.

## Hot Mince Pie Ordinance Asked

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 25 (U. P.).—The Dallas city council was considering a proposed city ordinance today which would force cafes to serve hot mince pie "piping hot and on warm plates."

Joseph A. Shirley asked for the ordinance, complaining that Dallas cafes were "desecrating" the traditional holiday dish by serving it cold.

If it's served right, Mr. Shirley claimed, the pie must be served on a warm plate, with the pie just hot enough to eat "without burning the tongue."

## \$25,000 Donated To Rotary Fund

Donation of \$25,000 by Mrs. Isaac R. Holycross, 5902 Guilford ave., to establish "The Rotary Foundation of Indianapolis, Inc.," was announced today by James A. Ross, past president of the Rotary club.

Mrs. Holycross made the donation through Mr. Ross in memory of her late husband, a Rotarian, who died Feb. 2.

The foundation funds, Mr. Ross said, will be used for charitable purposes. Principal aim of the foundation is to promote the welfare of Marion county's physically, mentally or materially handicapped persons.

Indiana Rotary clubs already have donated about \$300,000 to the Rotary convalescent home at Riley hospital. The Indianapolis Rotary club supplied about \$100,000 of this amount for equipping the home. The club has maintained the convalescent home for 15 years.

## It Was Day Before Christmas

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 25 (U. P.).—It was the day before Christmas in justice court.

The complaining witness wept and pleaded that the charges be dismissed.

The prosecuting attorney offered to pay for the stolen article himself.

The judge said he had to do his duty, and he fined the defendant \$25—but suspended the fine.

The defendant, William Evans, explained: "I was broke, and I took it for my granddaughter."

His loot—a brightly colored doll.

## 9 in One Family Recover From Polio

RANDALL, Minn., Dec. 25 (U. P.).—The nine children of the Frank Anders family celebrated Christmas in their small farm home here today.

All have recovered or nearly recovered from poliomyelitis which struck them three months ago. Today, all nine were able to gather around the tree—walking and nearly cured.

Spokesman for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which aided in financing the treatments, said there was no record of any other family with so many members suffering from the disease.

## Organizations

Alpha Alpha Chapter, Gamma Nu society of the Women's benefit association, will have a banquet and charity auction in Hotel Washington at 8:45 p. m. Friday. Mrs. Ethel Rossinger, 1111 N. Washington, is chairman.

Visiting officers expected are Mr. Grace Meredith, state field director, Wash., and Mrs. Ada Goussin, state junior and girls' supervisor, Angola.

Landmarks Chapter, O. E. S., will have its stated meeting and an initiation, the Masonic Temple at 7:45 p. m. Friday.

Irvington Rebekah lodge will hold a card party at 1:30 p. m. Friday at the Indianapolis Oka & Coke Utility auditorium.

# AYRES' AFTER-CHRISTMAS CLEARANCES

## Women's and Misses' COATS

1 to 1/2 OFF

In Broken Sizes and Color Assortment

- (85) UNTRIMMED COATS, originally 49.95 to 59.95, now .....28.85
- (67) UNTRIMMED COATS, originally 45.00, now .....33.75
- (39) UNTRIMMED and FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally 59.95 to 69.95, now .....38.85
- (24) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally 68.00 to 89.95, now .....48.85
- (16) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally 89.95 to 98.95, now .....58.85
- (5) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally 298.95, now .....149.48
- (3) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally 298.95, now .....188.85
- (1) FUR-TRIMMED COAT, was originally 425.00, now .....248.85
- (4) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally 398.95 to 550.00, now .....288.85
- (1) FUR-TRIMMED COAT, originally 498.95, now .....388.85
- (15) SUITS, originally 35.00 and 39.95, now .....18.85
- (15) SUITS, originally 45.00 and 49.95, now .....23.85
- (6) SUITS, originally 54.50, now .....28.85
- (11) SUITS, originally 49.95 and 69.95, now .....34.85
- (8) SUITS, originally 89.95, now .....58.85
- (2) SUITS, originally 139.95, now .....88.85

COATS and SUITS, THIRD FLOOR

## SUBBED CLOTHING

- (30) COATS, originally 45.00, now .....23.29
- (24) COATS, originally 35.00, now .....19.29
- (10) COATS, originally 29.95, now .....15.29
- (35) DRESSES, originally 22.95, now .....10.29
- GROUP OF DRESSES, originally 10.95 to 16.95, now .....5.29 to 10.29
- (50) SUITS, originally 25.00, now .....15.29
- (19) SUITS, originally 34.00, now .....22.29

SUBBED SHOP, FOURTH FLOOR

## ART NEEDLEWORK

- (1) PETIT POINT BELL PULL, originally 80.00, now .....50.00
- (1) NEEDLEPOINT PIECE, originally 45.00, now .....35.00
- (1) NEEDLEPOINT CHAIR SET, originally 55.00, now .....39.50
- GROUP OF NEEDLEPOINT PIECES, originally 30.00, now .....25.00
- GROUP OF NEEDLEPOINT PIECES, originally 25.00, now .....18.50
- GROUP OF NEEDLEPOINT PIECES, originally 15.00, now .....12.50
- GROUP OF NEEDLEPOINT PIECES, originally 15.00, now .....10.98
- GROUP OF NEEDLEPOINT PIECES, originally 10.00, now .....7.98
- GROUP OF NEEDLEPOINT PIECES, originally 8.98, now .....6.98
- GROUP OF NEEDLEPOINT PIECES, originally 7.98 and 8.30, now .....5.98

ART NEEDLEWORK, FOURTH FLOOR

## CORSETS 1/2 to 1/2 OFF

67c to 19.75

- (736 Pieces) Group of BRASSIERES, GIRDLES, PANTY GIRDLES and CORSETS, now reduced 1/2 and 1/3; originally 1.00 to 39.95, now .....67c to 19.75

CORSETS, SECOND FLOOR

## TODDLERS' AND INFANTS' SHOP

- (75) TODDLER BOYS' AND GIRLS' SNOW SUITS, originally 9.98 to 13.50, now .....6.99
- TODDLER BOYS' AND GIRLS' COAT AND LEGGING SETS, broken sizes and colors:
- (10) COAT SETS, originally 11.50, now .....4.99
- (15) COAT SETS, originally 13.50 to 16.95, now .....6.99
- (10) COAT SETS, originally 15.95 to 19.95, now .....9.99
- (8) COAT SETS, originally 22.95 to 25.00, now .....14.99
- (25) TODDLERS' LINED CORDUROY JACKETS, originally 4.00, now .....1.99
- (50) ALL-WOOL FLANNEL ROBES, open and rose, originally 5.95, now .....2.99
- CHILDREN'S TABLE AND CHAIR SETS, maple or white enamel finish:
- (50) TABLE AND CHAIR SETS, originally 19.98 and 22.95, now .....15.00
- (5) TABLE AND CHAIR SETS, originally 29.95, now .....19.95
- GIRLS' WOOL, CORD and COTTON DRESSES, JUMPERS and PINAFORES, 1/4, 1/3 and 1/2 OFF, originally 4.00 to 10.00, now .....1.99 to 6.99

TODDLERS' AND INFANTS' SHOP, FOURTH FLOOR

## CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

- (200) LITTLE BOYS' WOOL SHORTS, originally 2.85 and 3.00, now .....1.99
- (250) LITTLE GIRLS' WOOL and CORDUROY DRESSES and PINAFORES, originally 5.98 to 8.98, now .....3.99 to 4.99

CHILDREN'S SHOP, FOURTH FLOOR

## MEN'S SPORTSWEAR

- (19) MEN'S LEATHER JACKETS, originally 17.50 and 21.00, now .....12.95
- (104) MEN'S LEATHER JACKETS, originally 25.00, now .....17.95
- (56) MEN'S LEATHER JACKETS, originally 27.50 to 33.50, now .....19.95
- (55) MEN'S LEATHER JACKETS, originally 36.50 to 45.00, now .....25.95

MEN'S SPORT SHOP, SECOND FLOOR

## WOMEN'S SLIPPERS, NOW 1/2 PRICE AND LESS!

- (2,500) WOMEN'S HOUSE SLIPPERS, originally 2.50 to 8.95, now .....1.97, 2.47, 2.97, 4.47

SLIPPERS, SECOND FLOOR

## SPORTSWEAR SUITS 1/2 to 1/2 OFF!

Softened styles in plain and novelty wools, were 49.95 and 59.95, now .....30.00

Tailored and semi-tailored SUITS in shetland and novelty wools; were 79.95, now .....50.00

SPORTSWEAR, THIRD FLOOR

## SPORTSWEAR ACCESSORIES

- (150) SWEATERS, were 5.00, now .....2.49
- (100) SWEATERS, were 5.98, now .....2.99

SPORTSWEAR ACCESSORIES, THIRD FLOOR

## MILLINERY... NOW 1/2 PRICE!

- (10) WINTER FELTS, originally 15.00, now .....7.50
- (15) WINTER FELTS, originally 12.50, now .....6.25
- (20) WINTER FELTS, originally 10.95, now .....5.50
- (10) WINTER FELTS, originally 10.00, now .....5.00
- (20) WINTER FELTS, originally 8.95, now .....4.50
- (30) WINTER FELTS, originally 7.95, now .....4.00
- (20) WINTER FELTS, originally 6.95, now .....3.50
- (15) WINTER FELTS, originally 5.95, now .....3.00
- (10) WINTER FELTS, originally 5.00, now .....2.50
- (30) PCS. ASSORTED MILLINERY, now .....1.00

MILLINERY, THIRD FLOOR

## EVENING BLOUSES and SKIRTS 1/2 to 1/2 OFF!

- BLOUSES, originally 25.00 to 59.95, now .....12.50 to 39.97
- EVENING SKIRTS, were 14.95 to 16.95, now .....8.99

SPORTSWEAR ACCESSORIES, THIRD FLOOR

## BUDGET SHOP

- (130) RAYON CREPE and WOOL DRESSES, misses' sizes, 10 to 20, originally 14.95 to 29.95, now .....5.00, 10.00, 12.00, 15.00

BUDGET SHOP, THIRD FLOOR

## DAYTIME DRESSES LESS THAN 1/2 PRICE!

2.29, 4.99, 6.99

A wonderful collection of DAYTIME DRESSES, styled in wool, wool and rayon mixtures and rayon. One and two-piece styles in broken sizes. In winter shades.

- Originally 8.30, now .....2.99
- Originally 10.95 and 12.95, now .....4.99
- Originally 22.95 and 24.95, now .....6.99

DAYTIME DRESSES, FOURTH FLOOR

## COLLEGIENNE SHOP

- (47) 2-PC. WOOL DRESSES, were 21.50 to 27.95, now .....14.00
- (23) 2-PC. WOOL DRESSES, were 15.40 to 17.95, now .....8.00
- (47) WOOL PLAID SKIRTS, were 8.95 and 10.95, now .....6.00
- (48) CHECKED WOOL SKIRTS, were 7.98, now .....4.00
- (32) WOOL SKIRTS, were 5.40, now .....3.00
- (40) DRESSES, were 8.30 to 15.00, now .....5.00
- (60) DRESSES, were 12.95 to 19.95, now .....8.00
- (42) DRESSES, were 15.00 to 25.00, now .....11.00
- (19) EVENING DRESSES, were 16.95, now .....5.00
- (33) UNTRIMMED LONG and SHORT COATS, were 39.95 to 45.00, now .....29.90
- (10) UNTRIMMED COATS, were 59.95, now .....44.90
- (16) SUITS, were 48.00, now .....34.90
- (8) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, were 118.00 to 125.00, now .....79.00
- (7) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, were 79.95 to 88.00, now .....36.00

COLLEGIENNE SHOP, SECOND FLOOR

## GROUP OF BUDGET SHOP DRESSES REDUCED TO 8.00

Group of RAYON CREPE and WOOL DRESSES for week now and later, .....Greatly Reduced In Misses' sizes, 10-20, originally 14.95 to 22.95, now .....8.00

BUDGET SHOP, THIRD FLOOR

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' SNOWSUITS 1/2 and 1/2 OFF!

- (100) BOYS' and GIRLS' SNOW SUITS, originally 15.00-18.95, now .....8.99-10.99

CHILDREN'S SHOP, FOURTH FLOOR

## SPORTSWEAR

SPORTSWEAR DRESSES, softened and tailored styles in wool and rayon, misses' sizes, were 29.95 to 39.95, now .....18.00

- (70) ALL-WOOL SLACKS, were 19.95 and 21.95, now .....8.00

- (19) SLACK SUITS, were 22.95 and 27.50, now .....16.00

- (60) PLAY SUITS, were 14.95, now .....10.00

SPORTSWEAR, THIRD FLOOR

## GOWN ROOM

- MISSSES' CHECKED WOOL DRESSES, were 25.00, now .....9.90
- MISSSES' RAYON CREPE DRESSES, styles for now and later; were 29.95 to 49.95, now .....14.90
- MISSSES' PASTEL WOOL JERSEY and SHORT EVENING DRESSES, were 29.95 to 59.95, now .....19.90
- MISSSES' DRESSES, rayon crepes and wools for now and later; were 35.00 and 39.95, now .....22.90

GOWN ROOM, THIRD FLOOR

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' COAT AND LEGGING SETS, 1/2 OFF!

- (400) BOYS' and GIRLS' COAT AND LEGGING SETS, originally 25.00, now .....16.65

CHILDREN'S SHOP, FOURTH FLOOR

## CHILDREN'S AND SUBBED ROBES

- GROUP OF CHILDREN'S AND SUBBED ROBES, sizes 2 to 16 and 9 to 17, originally 7.98 to 19.95, now .....1/4 to 1/3 OFF

CHILDREN'S AND SUBBED LINGERIE, FOURTH FLOOR

## CHILDREN'S AND SUBBED ACCESSORIES

- SUBBED HATS, originally 2.00, now .....99c
- SUBBED HATS, originally 5.00, now .....2.99
- GIRLS' AND SUBBED KNIT HEADWEAR, originally 1.50, now .....99c
- ORLOFF SACHETS, originally 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, now .....25c\* and 50c\*
- GIRLS' COTTON PAJAMAS, sizes 8 to 16, originally 1.85 and 2.30, now .....79c
- CHILDREN'S COTTON KNIT PANTS, originally 45c and 50c, now .....3 for 1.00
- CHILDREN'S ANKLE SOCKS, sizes 6 to 10, originally 29c, now .....5 pr. for 1.00
- TWO-PIECE FLANNELETTE PAJAMAS, sizes 12 and 14, originally 1.85, now .....1.29
- PANTY GIRDLES, junior sizes, originally 5.00, now .....2.49
- RAYON KNIT PANTS, junior sizes, originally 1.25, now .....79c
- LACE-TRIMMED RAYON HALF-SLIPS, junior sizes, originally 3.00, now .....1.49
- \*Plus 20% Tax.

CHILDREN'S AND SUBBED ACCESSORIES, FOURTH FLOOR

## SUBBED SPORTSWEAR

- (50) ALL-WOOL CLAN PLAID JACKETS, originally 16.95, now .....7.99
- (75) CLAN PLAID WOOL SHIRTS, originally 10.95, now .....4.99
- (200) RAYON BLOUSES, originally 3.00 and 4.00, now .....1.49 to 2.49

SUBBED SPORTSWEAR, FOURTH FLOOR

## CHILDREN'S SHOES

- (502 Pr.) INFANTS', CHILDREN'S, MISSES', GROWING GIRLS' and BOYS' HOUSE SLIPPERS, originally 2.39 to 5.50, now .....1.89

CHILDREN'S SHOES, FOURTH FLOOR

## BOYS' CLOTHING