

NEW CASTLE

News

Santa Claus Gives Personal Interview

**Calls Chappaqua Kids "Best in World".
Visited Elizabeth Milbank Anderson Home and Negro Baptist Mission; Looks Forward To Return Next Year.**

Santa Claus has gone from Chappaqua, but before he left he gave an exclusive interview to the New Castle News. There wasn't much time for us to talk with him, as he was expected farther North, but in between greeting children at his headquarters in the center of town, we managed to learn of some of his experiences while he was here last week.

"The children of New Castle," Santa said, "are some of the nicest I've ever come across in all my travels. When you stop

to think that over 600 came in to see me, you can believe I got a pretty good idea of them. Of course, we all had a pleasanter and easier time being up here in Chappaqua instead of in New York City, with all the crowding and pushing—but even so, I was mighty pleased to see how good and thoughtful and polite everybody was. It was a pleasure to meet the kids and I thought sure I'd brought enough toys so each one could have something—but let me tell you, if it hadn't been for the generosity of the Greeley Hardware fellows I do believe I'd have run out of toys. They sent over a big box of things so there'd be enough to go around.

Another nice thing happened, which seems to me typical of Chappaqua. Mr. Max Weinberg telephoned to say he'd like to give us a big box of hard candies for the youngsters,—which is a real Christmas-y thought.

Wednesday afternoon I had a date to go over to the Elizabeth Milbank Anderson Home, and I worried all morning for fear the reindeer couldn't make it through the heavy snow—worst in 11 years, it was! Well, I didn't want to disappoint the children so we started out at 2 o'clock. When I arrived, everybody was standing with his nose glued to the window panes upstairs—54 noses there were—and they all let out a mighty cheer as I came puffing up the steps.

Inside was a crackling fire and a beautiful tree glistening with tinsel. Mrs. Neal and some other ladies quickly piled the toys I'd brought around the base of the tree, and on the boughs we scattered the bright colored hats I took out of my pack—pink, green, purple—every color you can think of. Then the kids came in singing carols and we had a great time. A lot of them had never had a real Christmas like this and how proud the little girls were of their paper hats. Having met a lot of girls in my time, I tried to choose colors that would become each one—and they liked that. Plenty of noise there was, with everyone blowing horns and beating drums and we all laughed a lot.

But then I realized that a few of the children were not with us, and Mrs. Neal reminded me that some of them were not well enough to be out of bed. Well, we all quieted down and I went into the infirmary to see them. Poor little tots—they were try-

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New Chairman

Howard Korman accepts chairmanship for 1946 Red Cross Drive.

Another year has rolled around and plans are now being made for the regular annual fund drive for the Red Cross in Chappaqua.

At the helm for 1946 we will have Howard Korman of Campfire Road. Mr. Korman brings with him a wealth of experience in promoting campaigns to collect funds. He is Vice-President of McCann-Erickson Advertising Agency, President of the Direct Mail Advertising Association and locally serves as a member of



HOWARD KORMAN

the now very active Town Planning Commission as well as being a representative to the Chappaqua Recreation Commission.

Mr. Korman has conducted the local Boy Scout Drive for the past two years and this year was responsible for the very successful fund drive for the entire district, number three.

After looking over the records at the local Red Cross Headquarters, Howard said: "With this organization behind me it should be an easy job. I am pleased and certainly encouraged to see the records made by each collector. The amazing thing is the willingness of the canvasser to do his job over and over again. Many of the workers, I am told, are even jealous of their task and insist upon the same territories each year. This is the type of competitive spirit that makes for better results."

Even though the war is over

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H. Paul Herz Recovering From Serious Accident

H. PAUL HERZ IS RESCUED



After being trapped in New York City sewer, Chappaqua resident is saved by firemen.

Crossing Madison Avenue fell through an protected open sewer.

Dropped 40 Feet

Rescuers were beginning to feel the effects of sewer gas.

The many friends and neighbors of H. Paul Herz will be glad to learn that he is recovering from the harrowing ordeal which he experienced in New York City last Saturday.

Mr. Herz was crossing the east side of Madison Avenue when he suddenly fell through an unprotected open sewer and dropped 40 feet into a current of rushing water which swept him along until he was wedged in a bend of the wall between two masses of snow, with only his head above water.

Fortunately a pedestrian saw him vanish, and immediately called a patrolman. Engine Company 65 answered the alarm and arrived on the scene two minutes later. Fire Captain Patrick J. Boylan, with a rope tied around his waist, was lowered into the sewer followed by two other firemen.

In the pitch darkness and freezing water, they searched for Mr. Herz, guided only by his feeble cries and the sound of his moaning. When they finally found him, he was desperately clinging to a projection from the wall, but his strength was fast deserting him and in a few moments the force of the water would surely have swept him into the East River—over half a mile away.

The rescuers were beginning to feel the effects of sewer gas inhalation, but they succeeded in tying a rope around Herz. As he was being lifted to safety he fainted, and was quickly taken to New York Hospital where it was discovered he had fractured

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No Skating On Tertia Lake

Reports that skating has been forbidden on Tertia Lake, located on King Street opposite the entrance to the residence of Mr. George K. Guinzburg, were denied by Mr. Guinzburg, an officer of the Chiselhurst Company, Inc., which owns the property.

"Tertia Lake," Mr. Guinzburg said, "has always been open to the boys and girls of Chappaqua for skating. However it is not a public park, and all who use the lake and shore naturally do so at their own risk. Also, it is expected that skaters will keep off adjacent property not owned by the Chiselhurst Company."

Mrs. C. E. Pfeiffer Escapes Injuries

Mrs. Charles E. Pfeiffer of Douglas Road, Chappaqua, had a marvellous escape on Saturday morning when her car skidded on the icy road in her drive way. She was returning from a shopping expedition in town when the accident occurred. The car plunged off the road and turned over, imprisoning Mrs. Pfeiffer. It was one hour before she finally freed herself and managed to reach her house. The window by the driver's seat was shattered by a pole which crashed through it, but fortunately, Mrs. Pfeiffer was uninjured and even a dozen eggs in the car were not broken.

Clothing Drive Announcement

There is to be another drive for Clothing Collection between January 7th and 31st. for overseas relief. The goal this year is at least one item of clothing and a letter to enclose, from each man, woman and child in the community.

As last year the depot will again be the Post Office. For those who cannot deliver their contributions to this point, there will be a small box provided at the P. O. where names and addresses can be left, and volunteer collectors will call for the garments.

This clothing collection is to be distributed in the Far East and the Philippines, as well as war-torn countries of Europe,

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Dr., Mrs. Ulmer Going West

Plan vacation; then may settle upstate with smaller clinic.

Dr. W. E. Ulmer of King Street, Chappaqua will have a well deserved rest when he moves sometime in late January, having sold his Small Animal Hospital to Dr. Roger Grossman and his brother, both veterinarians, from Illinois. Dr. Ulmer plans to stay for a short time until the Drs. Grossman become familiar with the workings of the hospital.

When Dr. Ulmer first settled in Chappaqua in 1931 he became established in what is now the Real Estate office on Bedford Road and King Street. There he had living quarters and room for a few animals. In 1935 he built the large hospital where he now practices.

Dr. and Mrs. Ulmer are going to California for a three or four

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Driver's Pay Increased

(Set in 18 Pt. Futura)

A report, recently published, stated that the yearly take-home pay for Highway drivers, increased 10%, will be approximately \$2800.

One of the drivers points out that his gross pay for 1945 was only \$2101.30, from which must be deducted \$113.70 for income tax, leaving a net of \$1987.60 for the year.

From these figures it appears the report is approximately \$500 out of line, and the driver was greatly incensed about it.