Santa Claus Will Arrive In His Airplane Here Saturday

Will Land At Race Track At 2 p. m. Public Invited To Welcome Jolly Fellow

Business Men Also Plan Free Movies, Christmas Tree Party For Children, Also Community Carol Singing In Court House Square

Christmas Shoppers In Centreville Offered $150 In Cash Prizes. Drawing To Be Held On Courthouse Green December 23rd

Mark it on your slates, boys and girls, and big boys and big girls, wherever you live—Santa Claus in person will drop out of the skies in an airplane for an early visit to Centreville Saturday afternoon. The old gentleman with the long white whiskers and ruby red coat is going to land on the race track grounds near Centreville at 2 o'clock, right out in the open where little folks and big ones can see him.

You want to be there.

Santa Claus is tickled pink about it all, because he is going to open up the grandest Christmas holiday season Centreville has ever planned. He wants to see every one of you who can get to Centreville, whether you live on Kent Island or at Sudlersville, Church Hill, Queen Anne. Millington, Queenstown, Grasonville, Ingleside, or any other spot in or near Queen Anne's county. And he wants to see the grownups as well.

After he gets out of his plane and says Hello to every one Santa is to ride the short distance to the business section of Centreville in the big red truck of the Good Will Fire Company. He will lead a parade around town, spreading the glad tidings of the Christmas season and letting Queen Anne's county know that he has it down on his ledger for the best Christmas in years.

If Saturday should happen to bring stormy weather, Santa's visit will be postponed until Monday, when he will land from his plane at 3 o'clock. Robert T. Newell is chairman of the committee to welcome Santa Claus.

But there is going to be a free movie party for children under 12 years of age even before Santa flies into town. Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the Centreville Opera House will show a program of talkies arranged for the children by T. E. Dewing.

Every white child attending the movie will be expected to bring an old toy for admission. With Christmas just ahead and Santa likely to bring a supply for good boys and girls there should be plenty of old toys suitable for bringto the Opera House. The best part of it is that these playthings will be turned over to the Good Will Fire Company for a little brushing up before being distributed by them on their Christmas visit to county homes.

Colored children up to 12 years of age will be admitted to the balcony free, without leaving any toys.

Grownups will have their inning next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock when a big Community Songfest will be held in the Court House Green. Old songs and new, and possibly some Christmas carols will form the program for one hour of vocalilzing. Every one whether he can carry a tune or not is invited.

Especially invited are the choirs of all the churches in the county. Men with good tenors will have a chance to throw in close harmony. The greater the crowd, the merrier will be the occasion and the night air should ring with voices lifted up in song.

In the event that Tuesday evening's weather should be bad the sing will be held indoors at the Centreville Opera House. Rev. L. Colvin Randall, pastor of Grace Methodist Protestant Church, is chairman of the committee in charge of the song evenings.

A big feature of the holiday program that will interest shoppers will be the distribution of $150 in fifty-four cash prizes to holders of lucky tickets. Starting last Saturday and contiuuing right up to the drawing on December 23, Centreville merchants will issue free tickets with each purchase of 25c or more. One ticket will be given for the first 25c and additional tickets for each additional 25c or part of 25c. One part of each ticket is left at the store for use in the drawing and the other part retained by the shopper to use in claiming a prize.

The **drawing will be held** on the Courthouse Green Wednesday, December 23, starting at 1 o'clock. Winners must be present to claim prizes. Drawings will be held under the following schedule:

1st Drawing, 1:00 p. m.—10 $1 prizes.
2nd Drawing, 2:00 p. m.—10 $1 prizes.
3rd Drawing, 3:00 p. m.—10 $1 prizes.
4th Drawing, 4:00 p. m.—10 $1 prizes.
Final Drawing, 7:00 p. m.—$50, $25, $15, $10 and 10 $1 prizes.

Santa Claus is going to pay a second visit to Centreville on Saturday, December 19, at 3 o'clock when he will hold a party for children beside the Christmas tree on the Courthouse Green. He will give candy and other small items to the children, just as has been in the habit of doing for several years. The best of it is that he will distribute his gifts himself, and little tots who have been looking at Old Santa's pictures and wondering what the pleasant fellow really looks like will get a closeup view of Santa.

As heretofore, the Rotary Club will be in charge of arrangements for this party. They will be on hand when he rides up and will help to see that every child is taken care of.

A Christmas celebration would hardly be complete without the singing of carols, those age-old songs breathing the atmosphere of the night in Bethlehem more than 1900 years ago. They are a joy to sing and hear. They waft a soul-lifting strain of happiness.

A big community program of carol singing is to be held on the Courthouse Green on Monday evening, December 21, at 7 o'clock. Choirs from the various county churches will form the backlog of the assemblage. Every one is invited to join the party either to sing or listen. As with the Community sing, the Rev. L. Colvin Randall will direct the committee arranging for the carols.

During this sparkling Christmas celebration every Centreville resident may play a part in making the county seat a place of bright lights in seasonal tones by decorating homes in Christmas foliage and Christmas colors.

For the past few years there has been a steady increase in the number of homes where ornamented trees on lawns and porches and window garlands catch the eye by day or shine radiant against the darkness with clusters of varied colored lights. Each housewife gets a tremendous personal satisfaction from her own home display, entirely apart from the inspiration conveyed to passersby. There is something in the idea that if you feel happy, you want to look happy; and if you look happy, it makes you feel that way.

Both the Business Men and the Woman's Club are eager for a record-breaking number of decorated homes this year. Commerce Street, the main thoroughfare, is always well represented. Other streets are expected to swell previous numbers so that a trip around Centreville by night will be a satisfying tour.

No time is too early now to set up these home decorations. The sooner they are up, the longer will the Christmas atmosphere fill the town. And for the best decorated homes, prizes are to be awarded under the joint sponsorship of the Business Men and the Moman's Club. The judges representing the business group will be Mrs. Mary Remington, Miss Marie Shortall and Miss Pearl Bishop.

Al lin all, Centreville business men have prepared a well-rounded Christmas program. It is unlimited as to locality. Queen Anne's county and adjoining territory is invited to join in the various features. As for the cash distribution, any one anywhere who has a ticket in the barrel on the night of December 23 will have a chance to step up and claim any prize he wins.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a sled, snow suit, tricycle, a wagon and dump truck and a set of Dick Tracy cards and don't forget to get my candy, nuts, oranges and be sure to fill my stocking full of candy. Don't put a switch in it.

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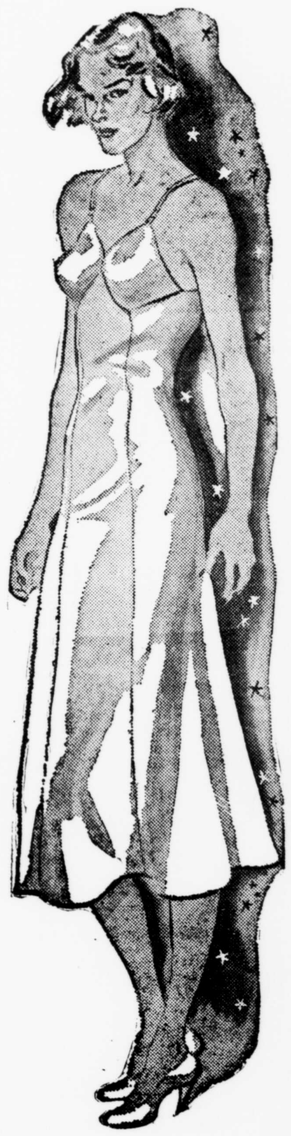

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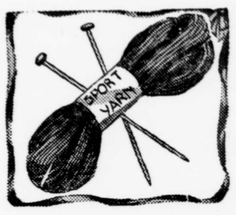

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