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It's time to do your Christmas shopping if you have any intentions of doing it early and from the report of local merchants last Saturday and today the ush has already begun.

Decatur merchants are going to make some one happy on December 30th. They are offering the greatest bargains this year and the best stock of goods in their history and you should show approval by buying at home.

If you have been a member of one of the Christmas clubs operated by the Decatur banks you will within the next half month or so receive the check which will make your Christmas shopping easy. If you were not a member this year you should join the bunch for next year. You ought to save your money and we know of no easier way to do it. Get ready for the club openings.

Those Chicago people who lived on forty cents a day and lived well proved that it could be done by showing a net gain of five pounds each on their weight. Many people eat so much that the body is reduced because of the work it has to perform to digest the surplus food. Try eating less. Of course you don't have to start until after Thanksgiving if you have any chance for turkey.

In Germany a rule is being made effective that but one newspaper can be operated in each of the cities. If the increase in the cost of the raw materials needed to print a newspaper in this country continues the next year in comparison with the past such a rule will be unnecessary for there won't be even one operating unless they were fortunate enough to have bought material several years ahead.

The Chicago Herald says editorially:

The National Grange, in session at Washington, protests against an embargo on foodstuffs. It points out that the prices of everything the farmer has to buy have increased as well as the price of his products. In so far as he has to exchange his products for other commodities, he is not in a position so much better than that occupied before the rise.

This protest lines up perhaps the most powerful influence in the country against the proposal. It has been the theory of many who have been urging the plan that the foodstuffs were all in the hands of speculators

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anyway, and that farmers wouldn't be hurt by a temporary embargo. They will now realize that the farmers don't see it that way and object to being singled out as the one great productive class to make a sacrifice to reduce the price of living to the entire country.

Properly enough, the National Grange does not argue that an embargo would not be permissible under any circumstances. If the food situation in this country reached an acute stage it would obviously be the duty of the government to deal with it by any means possible. But we are still far from the danger point.

Although the high price of food, as well as the high price of everything else, presses peculiarly on the consumer, such drastic governmental action is not yet called for.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

Research—Mrs. E. S. Moses.

Tuesday.

Sewing Club—Mrs. Jesse Seelby.

Baptist Missionary—Mrs. John Everett.

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Catholic Ladies of Columbia.

Royal Neighbors' Parcel Post Sale and Social.

St. Vincent de Paul—K. of C. Hall.

Wednesday.

Christian Ladies' Cake Sale—Gas Office.

Friday.

Helping Hand—Mrs. Otto Reppert at Reformed S. S. room.

Saturday.

Evangelical Penny Supper—Old Laundry.

In prosperity it is very easy to find a friend, in adversity nothing is so difficult."

The December section of the Evangelical Ladies' Aid society will give a penny supper Saturday evening at five o'clock in the old laundry building. The menu will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kuebler motored to Fort Wayne to get their daughter, Miss Margealla, Kuebler, who, with a classmate, Miss Slattery, of Crawfordville, will spend Thanksgiving here.

Mrs. Dr. Majors and son, Bobbie, and Miss Louize Henzy, of Tiffin, O., will arrive Wednesday for a visit over Thanksgiving and the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kuebler.

Mrs. Frank D. Annen and children, Robert and Sarah, arrived from Chicago for a visit this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Case, and others.

The Baptist Missionary circle will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Everett. The following program will be given: Music; devotional, Mrs. Everett; music; "Facts About Home Missions, Mrs. Shroll; "Life Sketch of Missionary to Cuba," Mrs. Sikes; "Snap Shots," Mrs. Hite; "Notes from the Home Land, Mrs. Rogers; solo, Mrs. C. E. Bell; "Triumphs of the Gospel in Cuba," Mrs. Cal Peterson; "The Cross in the East," Mrs. Shamp; music.

The box social given at the Moon-eye school, of which Miss Zeina Stevens is teacher, was a pleasant social event as well as successful in a financial way. Boxes were sold and there were also cake walks, one cake alone bringing three dollars.

Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Tritch of Fort Wayne were guests of the C. L. Walters family over Sunday.

Misses Florence Bierle and Stella Schug of Berne were week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kilbourne, Bob Klaehn and H. Link, of Fort Wayne, were guests Sunday evening of the U. Deininger family.

O. P. Edwards motored here Sunday afternoon from Leipsic, O., returning home, took with him his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. D. Suttles and baby and Mrs. Burton Niblick. The members of the two families, with Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick and daughter, Helen, will go over later to spend Thanksgiving at the Edwards home, the Thanksgiving family reunion of the Niblick family being held there this year.

The Christian Ladies' Aid will have a good supply of cake Wednesday at the gas office for their annual cake sale. Those who have special orders to give, should call Mrs. G. T. Burk.

Mrs. Jesse Sellemyer will entertain the Sewing Club tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Tonk Meibers entertained a company of friends last evening, including Art Moellering, Leon and Pat Beck, Louis Centlivre, Jack Christen, Fort Wayne; Marie and Naomi Gass, Marguerite Gerard, Anna Costello, Luella Heckman and Herb Fullenkamp.

Tom Vail, Daniel Falk and Bob Meibers motored to Indianapolis Sunday to be guests at a houseparty at the H. L. Conter home given by France Conter and Miss Frances Ward.

The Helping Hand society will meet Friday afternoon, instead of Thursday, at the Reformed Sunday school room for the making of comforts. Mrs. Otto Reppert will be present.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will offer for sale at public auction on what is known as the Peter Holthouse farm, 3 miles west of Peterson, or 2 miles north of Curriville, 1 1/4 miles southwest of Magley, on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1916, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m., the following personal property, to-wit:

Twelve Horses: Bay horse, 9 years old, weight 1500; sorrel mare, 14 years old, weight 1400; bay mare, 5 years old, weight 1250; bay mare colt, 2 years old; bay spring colt, bay driving mare, 10 years old, lady broke; bay general purpose horse, 5 years old, bay horse 3 years old, weight 1400, good one broke, in all harness; bay horse, 3 years old, weight 1400; broke in all harness; sorrel mare, 3 years old, weight 1300, broke single and double; bay mare colt, 1 year old, a good one. Fourteen Head Cattle: Jersey cow, an extra good one, will be fresh in January; Jersey heifer, 2 years old, in spring; roan cow, extra good milker, 4 years old, calf by her side; red Durham cow, extra good milker, 5 years old, calf by her side; red Durham cow, good milker, 4 years old, will be fresh Jan. 1; Jersey cow, extra good milker, 6 years old, will be fresh about Jan. 1; red steer, 1 year old, weight 700; 2 red heifers, 1 year old, weight 600; yearling heifer, an extra good one; 3 spring calves.

Twenty-seven Head Hogs: Four broad sows, 23 head shoats weighing about 60 lbs. each. Implements: Dering mower, 6 ft. cut; Ohio hay loader, hay tedder, Buckeye grain driller, steel land roller, black hawk corn planter, 3-horse riding plow, Oliver breaking plow, John Deere breaking plow, 1-horse corn planter, 2 corn cultivators, 2 spike tooth hammers, spring tooth harrow, 2 Turnbull wagons, Troy wagon bed, Webber wagon, good as new; 2 hay loaders, set dump boards, scoop boards, 2 top buggies, 1 carriage; bob sled, double shovel plow, 50-gal. gasoline tank, grindstone, set doubletree, set heavy breeching harness, 300 bushels corn in crib; some household articles; Ford automobile, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Lunch served by Little Vine Ladies' Aid.

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