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Do your Christmas shopping in Decatur. Our stores are filled with the best goods that money will buy and the prices are right. You will be pleased.

New Hampshire republicans have given up and the secretary of that state yesterday announced the official majority for Mr. Wilson to be fifty-six.

President Wilson began his Christmas shopping yesterday and spent an hour going through the Washington shops, selecting gifts. It's time you did likewise, if you would avoid the rush which always comes just before the big gift holiday and which this year promises to be even more strenuous than heretofore. But do it in Decatur!

The official vote in Utah has just been made public and shows that President Wilson carried every county in the state and won by about thirty thousand. Four years ago Mr. Taft carried the state easily, this and Vermont being the only real standpat territory. The wonderful change in sentiment has been explained in several very "unsatisfactory" ways.

Business is good in Decatur, according to the statements from every merchant. The men of this community are alive and will make every effort consistent with good business to treat their customers just right, to give them the best goods for the least money, to give them a clean and well bought stock from which to select and they are advertising these facts, all of which count. Many people are trading here now who have not made a practice of doing so and it all helps. A little boosting, a factory or two, a few new buildings and we will have the very best town in all the world. Help put life into town.

Dale J. Crittenger retired yesterday as auditor of state and Homer L. Cook as secretary of state, each having served two years. Each has made a record for efficiency and careful attention to the duties of their office and they retire with a clean slate that will bear any investigation their republican successors care to make. Mr. Crittenger will resume his duties as editor of the Anderson Bulletin, one of the best democratic papers in the state, and Mr. Cook will again take up his work as the head of the teachers' employment agency. Their many friends wish them continued success whether their future work be public or private.

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

### WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

Pythian Sisters—K. of P. Home. Research—Mrs. C. E. Bell. Delta Theta Tau—Agnes Kohne.

Tuesday.

Tri Kappas—Hope Hoffman. Reformed Missionary—Mrs. Peter Kirsch.

Saturday.

Reformed Aid Pastry Sale—Gas office.

"Act well for the moment, and you have performed a good for eternity."—Lavaier.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Vail went to Ft. Wayne to attend the Friars' dance last evening.

Miss Mary Campbell of Bluffton, arrived to spend the week end with her cousin, Miss Beryl Lihman and other relatives.

The Johnson Thanksgiving reunion was held at the Louis Johnson home East of the city, Thursday. It was a successful affair. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, Miss Esther Johnson, Miss Sina Johnson, Miss Hazel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Keller and son, Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johnson and children, Doyle and Edith, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ehrick and sons, Herman and Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon and son Forest, Mrs. Jesse Johnson and daughter Neva of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller, Mr. Hugh Johnson and Miss Anna Scantlon and mother, of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Pictures of the group were taken in the afternoon.

Miss Agnes Kohne will entertain the Delta Theta Tau Monday evening.

The section of the Reformed Ladies' Aid of which Mrs. Otto Reppert is chairman will have a pastry sale at the gas office next Saturday.

The Helping Hand society met and made three comforts at their busy meeting yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Otto Reppert served a tasty lunch.

A family Thanksgiving dinner and reunion was held at the Amos Fairchild home. The Roy Baker and Tom Fairchild families and Miss Dora Fairchild were present. Forty-five friends and relatives enjoyed a good Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Borne and Mr. and Mrs. John Borne and family at their country home southwest of the city. The day was spent in social conversation and at high noon a good dinner was served, which they all enjoyed. Those present were Mrs. Emil Egly and children, Marjha, Levi, Clara, Edna, Ralph, Walter; Mr. and Mrs. William Bekeke and daughters, Mary and Lydia; Mrs. Ida Schlickman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kiess and children, John, Arthur, Walter, Robert, Rudolf and Edgar; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoffman and sons, Harold and Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Burt Seesenguth, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wittmer, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Egly and children, Lloyd and Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McKean, Cordella Engleman, Veronica Wittwer of Bluffton, Rudolf Borne and William Meyers of Bluffton, Carl Keller and Frank Amspaugh.—Contributed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson and children, Lucile and Ester, entertained Thursday at a merry Thanksgiving party, the occasion also being the seventy-eighth birthday anniversary of their grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Lord of Monmouth, who was a guest of honor. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. William Blackburn, Mrs. C. E. Burr, Mrs. Clara Watson, Mr. and

Mrs. G. Kurt, Joe Burr, Ed Kurt, Josephine Springer, Dan Hill and children, Chester and John Henry, Mr. and Mrs. John Ballard and children, Raymond, Elizabeth and Violet and Edith, Bernice, Marcella and Martha ord, of Fort Wayne.

For the Tri Kappa meeting at the home of Miss Hope Hoffman Tuesday evening, Miss Ruth Parrish will have the paper.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ves Eaker on Seventh street saw a happy Thanksgiving family party Thursday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Martz and Floyd Hunter, of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Colonel Foreman and children. For supper the party was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peterson and family of near Monroe.

That Thanksgiving day is still one of the best days of the year is a settled fact in the minds of those who spent the day at the Douglas Elzey home at Preble. After attending services at the Beulah Chapel church the guests arrived at the home and at 12 o'clock a sumptuous three-course dinner was served which all taxed the capacity of their stomachs. The afternoon was spent in a general way and before the guests departed a short time was spent in Scripture reading and prayer. Those who enjoyed the day together were the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elzey, and son, Clyde; Rev. T. J. Johnson of Muncie, Rev. E. J. Glendinning, wife and children, Jessie, Wilbur, Clarence and Florence; Mrs. Charles Rinehart and son, Robert, of Decatur; Clell Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pyle of Craigville; Clyde Hannon, operator at the oil station; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Sheets and son, Gerald.—Contributed.

The Pythian Sisters will have their regular meeting Monday evening, the furnace having been gotten in order again. The members of the degree team are especially urged to attend for practice.

Thanksgiving Day in a country home is especially enjoyable and the spacious and beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ehr east of the city was an ideal one for an ideal celebration the party of friends who were entertained there at both dinner and supper declaring they had the time of their lives. Music, both victrola and piano, enlivened the hours in the meantime. Because the day came just before the fifteenth birthday of Fred Ehr, the party was also for him and he and his brother Lloyd, had Dwight Thornburg as their special guest. Others were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgh, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mille, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Johnson and son, Doyle; Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Hunsicker, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Miller. Carnations were the decorations of the tables and rooms. The ladies presented Mrs. Ehr with six fine cut glass goblets.

A delightful oyster supper was given Thursday evening at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sheets, in honor of Mrs. Sheets' Sunday school class. After supper they enjoyed the evening in music and all kinds of games. Those who enjoyed the evening were Misses Ruby Sheets of Decatur, Iva Spangler, Bertha, Zelma and Esther Fuhrman, Mayme Krill, Joanna and Gladys Suman, Verna Mann and Florence Sheets; Messrs. Clark Fuhrman of Celina, Ohio; Ralph Krill, Harold Cline, Ralph Roop and Don and Harold Sheets. They all went home saying they had a very delightful time.—Contributed.

The W. M. S. of the Reformed church will meet next Tuesday, promptly at 2 o'clock with Mrs. P. Kirsch, North Second street. The afternoon will be spent with our missionaries at home and abroad through correspondence. Other business will come up. Every member is kindly requested to attend.

At a meeting of the Mite society yesterday at the Case home, when Mrs. Robert Case, Mrs. John Bowers and Mrs. Mel Rice entertained, it was decided to conduct a bazaar the second week in January. Fine refreshments were served.

More than the usual festivity was manifest yesterday at the meeting of the Zion Lutheran Ladies' Aid society, the celebration being the fifteenth anniversary of the organization of this busy and helpful band of women. Several ladies who were former members of the band, now

living elsewhere were guests; and several visiting ministers were present, making a total of nearly forty present. A program, including a vocal duet by Mrs. Ferdinand Biecke and Miss Martha Koldewey, a vocal solo by Mrs. Hinz; talks by the minister, Rev. Hinz; the society's president, Mrs. Chis Boknecht, Mrs. A. Boese, Mrs. Lewis Koenemann, and others were given. At noon a fine picnic dinner was spread. Among former members who were guests, were Mrs. Charles Heckman, Mrs. Henry Lankenau, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Henry Heckman, Hoagland; Mrs. Anna Sievers, Mrs. George Weinman, Schumm, O.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rabbitt will entertain a company of relatives at dinner tomorrow.

A large class of thirty-five ladies will be initiated by the Catholic Ladies of Columbia tomorrow the Delphos, O. team doing the initiatory work.

Mrs. Noah Mangold entertained the Christian Pastoral Helpers yesterday. Reports from the various sections were heard and arrangement were made to send a barrel of canned fruits, jellies and other eatables to the orphans under the St. Louis Christian Benevolent board. The goods will be received next Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Noah Mangold at an evening meeting. Every member of the church is asked to contribute.

De Lloyd Wood, of Richmond is visiting over the Thanksgiving holidays with Kenyon Walters. Both are students at the Ohio Western university.

### BURKET'S LEASE FARM.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burket have leased their farm on West Monroe street, to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Stonerook, who will take possession at once, Mr. and Mrs. Burket have leased the Zimmerman residence on Fifth street which is being vacated by the Rev. and Mrs. Mavity.

### IS IMPROVING.

Mrs. Abe Stoneburner, who was operated upon Tuesday at the Lutheran hospital, Fort Wayne, is getting along nicely. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rochstroh, went to Fort Wayne this afternoon to call on her.

### Modern Girl No Hypocrite.

Tom—"When you proposed to her, suppose she said, 'This is so sudden!'" Dick—"No, she was honest and said, 'This surprise has been terrible!'"

### PUBLIC SALE.

A public sale will be held at my residence, two miles east of Pleasant Mills and two and one-half miles northwest of Wilshire, on the state line, on Thursday, Dec. 7, 1916, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. Horses: Gray gelding, gray mare, in foal; bay mare, 2 years old; sorrel mare, 2 years old. These are Belgian grades. Two-year-old driving horse, standard bred; black mare colt, 1 year old. Cattle: Six-year-old high grade Durham, fresh soon; 2-year-old Jersey and Guernsey, giving milk; high grade Durham heifer, coming 2 years old; Guernsey and Holstein, coming 1 yr. old; steer, coming 2 years old; fresh cow, with calf by side. Hogs: Two brood sows, 12 shoats, weighing 50 to 50 lbs. each. Farming implements: Osborn binder, Osborn mowder; these are almost new; Ohio hay loader, Superior 8-disc drill, Deering corn binder, Bullseye corn planter, one-horse grain drill, spring tooth harrow, Big Willie cultivator, new Cassidy riding plow, Deering hay tedder, Deering hay rake, breaking plow, double shovel plow, open surface land roller, Turnball wagon, 3½ skein; Milburn wagon, 3½ skein; corn sheller, Troy dump box, set dump boards, set brass trimmed harness, set buggy harness, white celluloid trimmed, new; 2 sets single buggy harness, American cream separator, Corn, corn fodder, seed oats and hay in mow. Four doz. chickens; Texas stockman saddle, hand made; Victor phonograph, with records.

Terms:—All sums of \$5 and under, cash; all sums over \$5, one year's time on approved notes; 8 per cent interest after maturity; 4 per cent discount for cash. G. W. RAY, 28613 Harry Daniels, Auct.

My car of Gold Medal Flour will arrive Saturday or Monday. Put in a supply now as the price may advance any day. Get your order in early so we can take care of you.—Fred Kolter, Magley, Ind. 28612

WILL PAY expenses to Palm Beach County, Florida, and return to party giving me small amount of co-operation in home town in spare time.—E. T. Anderson, 112 S. Dearborn St., Chicago. 28612

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Not one article in our stock has been raised by us. You will find prices the same as last year, except watches, which are 20 per cent lower.

It will pay you to call and see for yourself how our prices are, and see how much money we can save you on your Christmas presents.

We have everything you can wish in articles carried in a first-class jewelry store.

We are here to stay and have and will continue to back all our goods. It will pay you to see our stock of goods whether you buy or not. We engrave everything free and will be glad to hold anything for you for Xmas without any deposit.

## HENSLEY, The Jeweler

26 Years in Decatur to Back All Our Goods.

# EXTRA SERVICE ON TRACTION LINE Saturday, Dec. 2nd.

See the HUMAN FLY scale the Court House in Ft. Wayne on Saturday night, Dec. 2, 1916, at 7:30 P. M., under large spot-light.

In addition to the regular cars, the following Extra Service will be provided for this exhibition on Saturday:

### GOING

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Leave Decatur 1:00 P.M. | Arrive Ft. Wayne 2:10 P.M. |
| " " 4:00 "              | " " 5:10 "                 |
| " " 7:00 "              | " " 8:10 "                 |

### RETURNING

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Leave Ft. Wayne 2:30 P.M. | Arrive Decatur 3:40 P.M. |
| " " 5:30 "                | " " 6:40 "               |
| " " 8:30 "                | " " 9:40 "               |

SEE THE HUMAN FLY. Homer Ruhl, G.P.&F.A.

# Old Adams County Bank THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SAVING CLUB

December 2nd is the close of the 1916 Landis Christmas Savings Club.

The more savings you deposit before December 2nd the bigger Christmas you can have with your savings.

JUST ONE MORE WEEK TO SAVE.

MAKE IT COUNT.

The window will then be closed to allow us time to write your checks.

WE PAY YOU TO SAVE.

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You need not spend a fortune for a gift as we have a nice line of suitable gifts that can be had from 50c to \$1.00.

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FOR gifts for men or boy we are the distributors for Santa Claus in this section.

Neckwear in fancy packages, Hosiery, Suspenders, Hose Supporters or anything that will make that man or boy happy.

Also some snappy gifts in the way of cuff buttons, tie pins and novelty sets.