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Talking about parks, the old fair grounds could be converted into one of the beauty spots of Indiana and at a small expense. Let's do it in this good year of our Lord, 1917.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR. WE HOPE YOUR PROSPERITY STARTS TODAY AND CONTINUES THE NEXT 365 DAYS AND THEN BUBBLES OVER FOR A DECADE OR TWO.

An old-fashioned indoor fair in the early spring would prove a winner and produce a fund that could be used for factory purposes and to improve this city. The business men can make money and create a feeling that will make this the greatest trading point within a territory of forty miles, if they keep hustling as they have the past month.

The allies have formally turned down the proposal for a peace conference as offered by Germany on the grounds that they first want some idea as to what the Germans expect. The slaughter will go on and it looks now as though the next year will see the worst campaign of the world conflict which long ago went beyond all comprehension for destruction of men and wasting of nations.

Early tomorrow morning you should drop into one of the local banks and start a Christmas saving card. You will thus make a thrift resolution that will bring you much satisfaction and happiness during the next year and perhaps many years. It's a habit worth forming that of saving, a guard against the rainy day, the time which comes to all of us when the earning power is gone. Do it tomorrow!

We would say that Saturday was a successful business day in Decatur. We have talked to numerous merchants and they seem greatly pleased. We also talked to hundreds of farmers and townspeople and they all agreed that Auto Day was a big event. It is hoped that they will be continued for they live up to the people of the community and this means a lot to everybody.

As we start the New Year we are promised the Afo Products company, have a partial promise of at least one other good manufacturing concern, rumormore of two or three, hints that the Clover Leaf division may come here, in the spring, a new high school building, a couple of business blocks, plans for many new dwellings, proposed street and road improvements and other dreams that ought to make that a busy, profitable and happy year. We

can help make it better. Let's get on right.

The general assembly of Indiana will soon be on, Thursday, the opening day. With a republican governor and control of both houses we may now expect quick remedies in the way of taxation, liquor regulation, operation of state institutions, the abolishment of at least half the commissions and offices in the state and a saving to the taxpayers of many hundred thousand dollars. At least these are among the promises as made during the recent campaign and to which they should be held by the people of the state. Let's have it, all of it right away quick.

Today is the time to make resolutions and convince yourself that you ought to keep them. Hang onto them like a bull pup to a piece of porter house beef steak. We can make Decatur the best town on earth and Adams county the finest spot in all the world. It's not far from that right now. Visit any other city of 5,000 or county of the proportions of this one and you will return convinced that everything considered the inhabitants here have a lot to be thankful for. Let's go forward in 1917 and not backward. We can do it if we all boost and push.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.
Tri Kappas—Postponed.
Pythian Sisters—K. of P. Home.
Thursday.
LeNick—Marie Gass.
Friday.
Christian Pastoral Helpers—Mrs. G. C. Steele's section—Mrs. Lawrence Schlegel.

Why Not Resolve To

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.
—John Wesley's rule.

At the home of Henry Lehrman in Union township a very pleasant surprise party was given for their son, John, in honor of his twenty-second birthday anniversary. Those present were Velma and Mabel Walters, Clara Gerke, Della Busick, Lillian Lehrman, Flora Gerke, Ida Tieman, Oscar and Simon Lehrman, Clarence Busick, Edwin Conrad, Ed Barrone, Silas Beltz.

A fine Christmas dinner was held Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiltrim in honor of Mr. Trim's father, John Trim, who was seventy-three years old on Christmas day. The sons and daughters, grand children and great-grand children were present, excepting one who lives in Oklahoma, and was unable to attend. A fine chicken dinner was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Simon Brandyberry of Fort Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brandyberry, Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, son, Glen, and daughter, Lolah; John Trim, all of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zezula, son, Glen, and daughter, Mary Elizabeth; Mr. and Mrs. Will Trim, sons, Virgil, Warren and Jote, and daughter, Lucile. All departed, wishing Grandpa Trim many more happy birthdays.

The Pythian Sisters will meet Tuesday evening when the election of officers will take place. The meeting night was changed from tonight on account of New Year's Day.

Mrs. G. C. Steele's section of the Christian Pastoral Helpers will be entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Lawrence Schlegel.

One of the prettiest of the holiday festivities was the supper dance Saturday evening given by Miss Dorothy Dugan for thirty-six guests. The smooth waxed floors polished to their brightest, the beautiful Christmas tree and the Christmas greens retaining all their evergreen beauty, made the setting especially attractive. A three-course supper was provided at seven o'clock and following, the musicians, who were John Wemhoff, pianists, of Fort Wayne, and Elmo Smith, drummer, sounded the notes for the dances. There were sixteen numbers, and the program, with their water color illustrations, were pretty features. There were many out of town guests, among them being Miss Grace Gray, New York City; Florence Goodrich, Juanita Hardman, Pierre Goodrich, Hal Ruby, Don Kenon, Bob Moser, Winchester; Marjory and Will Rohan, Fort Wayne; Kenneth Fulton, Ed McGriff, Portland; Hilard Walmer, George Swisher, Bluffton; Verne Mitchell, Monroeville; Paul Sauer, Markle. The Winchester party remained for the week-end house party at the Dugan home, returning to Winchester last evening. Miss Gray and Miss Goodrich, who are Wellesley students, and Pierre Goodrich, a Harvard student, will remain in Indiana until after the inauguration of Governor Goodrich in Indianapolis, when they are anticipating the round of festivity incident to the inauguration.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Forbing and children of Fort Recovery, Ohio, are New Year's guests of his father, Peter Forbing, and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Patterson, Miss Marie Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart, with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hoffman saw the old year pass out and ushered in the new year in at the Hoffman home on Winchester street Sunday night. A most enjoyable evening was spent, Mrs. Hoffman serving a most excellent buffet luncheon at the mid-night hour. To make the entertainment complete, at two o'clock this morning, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lankenau and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hubbard, they serenaded Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pumphrey, and their guests, a bride and groom, who are visiting at their home on their honeymoon. Mr. Pumphrey admitted the early morning visitors, and passed the cigars, but the bride and groom refused to surrender. It was pronounced the most enjoyable New Year's eve that the members of the party had ever passed.

The Tri Kappas have postponed their meeting until Tuesday evening of next week, when Miss Marie Patterson will be hostess. Miss Helen Niblick will have the program.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson gave a dinner party yesterday for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Patterson and children, of Marmaduke, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sprang and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patterson and daughter, Marie.

One of the merry watch parties, awaiting the advent of the new year was given at the D. H. Hower home last evening by the Misses Mabel Hower and Ireta Butler for sixteen guests. The holiday colors of red and green prevailed in the decorations and Christmas greens were still bright and fresh. A number of games and contests, and a flower game being a Ford miniature Ford was played. A the one and in the given as a prize in Goldner won a bouquet roses. Dancing followed the game. A two-course supper was provided.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hoffman entertained at a watch party last evening in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patterson of Marmaduke, Ark. Other guests were Dr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, Miss Marie Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Burroughs. At one o'clock they went to the Pumphrey home where they serenaded the family and their guests, which included a bride and groom.

Miss LeeAnna Vance was hostess at a lovely holiday party at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heuer yesterday afternoon. The Heuer home was a veritable "Kris Kingle's headquarters" and the party of thirteen young folks enjoyed every minute of the affair. The large Christmas tree in the bay window was brilliant with its trimmings, topped with a bright star, around which cherubim poised in flight. A carpet of snow was spread under the tree, over which miniature Santa Claus and reindeer, and shepherds' flocks roamed. The deeper spiritual significance of the Christmas time was exemplified in the representation of the Christ-child in the manger and in another setting where angels guarded the lowly

home of the child. The lighting effect was particularly beautiful. Under a large white Christmas bell, Mr. Heuer, with the Victrola, furnished Christmas music and also stories of which highly pleased the children. Southern smilax, Santa Claus posters or the arches, and Christmas wreaths and holly made the home further attractive. Miss Vance met her guests at the door, and party being brought by Miss Eleanor Reppert. The festivities began at once and were never ceasing until the time of departure, the Heuer automobile conveying them to their homes. Songs and recitations were given by the little folks and Miss Della Sellemeyer told them lovely stories. For the supper march, music was played, and lead by LeeAnna, they wound through the rooms, finally ending in the dining room, where places were designated by Santa Claus napkins, and red candles, made the table and its appointments pretty. Wafers, cocoa, candies and nuts were served. The little folks who enjoyed the event with the hostesses were Naomi Stoltz, Margaret and Robert Frisinger, Gretchen Schaefer, Betty Erwin, Eloise Lewton, Helen Haubold, Virginia Hite, Nedra Glancy, Margaret Atz, Martha Sellemeyer.

A number of friends were entertained at dinner at the Dr. S. D. Beavers home Sunday, being Purdue friends of William who is at home from college and of Wayne Beavers.

The Presbyterian Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society will meet Tuesday of next week instead of this week, as at first planned. Mrs. C. A. Dugan will be hostess.

The members of the Limited Club gave a surprise for Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hubbard Friday evening, the affair being in advance of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, which was yesterday, and also in farewell to them before they go to their new home in Ohio next week. The guests brought their supper with them, and cards were played and general amusements indulged in. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard were presented with a gift also in honor of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pumphrey have as their guests for a few days, Mr. and Mrs. Vane Condit, of Condit, O.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Peterson and family gave a New Year's family dinner party today. J. D. Hale, Judge and Mrs. D. E. Smith and children were guests. Robert and Dwight Peterson who are at home from Indiana university will returned tomorrow. Byard Smith of Earlham college, was also a guest.

A family reunion and dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jackson on South First street was one of the pleasurable events of Sunday. Those present were the Phil Macklin and Bruce Christen families and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Longshore families.

THE COURT NEWS

Will of David Sprunger of Berne Leaves Estate to the Children.

IN EQUAL SHARES

Marriage License—Issues Made in a Few Civil Cases.

The will of David Sprunger, of Berne, executed June 26, 1916, witnessed by Grover Sprunger and J. D. Winterberg, was probated today. He gives his estate in equal shares to children, after the payment of expenses and debts. If any of the child to be deceased, their children are to share the share of the parent. Caleb and the sons, Joshua and Mary Jean, serve as executors.

Motion by plaintiff, A. P. Addington, defendant's cross-motion to set aside is ordered left off the calendar. Robert Steele vs. Special appearance by Ed Shoaf, Moran for defendant. Motion to set aside and quash service of summons.

The People's Loan & Trust Company vs. F. M. Gosard et al. Appearance by Merryman for Archbold. Rule to answer.

Marriage license was issued to Herbert L. Koontz, born July 11, 1877, a hardware merchant of Yellow Springs, Ohio, son of Jacob S. Koontz, and Charlotte Hammel, born February 7, 1885, assistant county clerk, daughter of Cyrus R. Hammel.

Order a brick of Klepper's ice cream at W. Colchin's. 30146

VILLA IN POWER

Mexican Bandit Regains Much Lost Power in Defeat of Defacto Troops.

MANY MEN ENGAGED

Government Reports Says Bandit Administered Decisive Defeat at La Cruz.

(United Press Service)
(By Webb Miller.)

El Paso, Jan. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—In the biggest battle in point of numbers of men engaged since Villa regained power in northern Mexico, Villistas have decisively defeated a column of government troops sent out to halt the northward progress of the bandits forces. The battle occurred at La Cruz, according to reports obtained by United States authorities today.

(By Robert J. Bender)

Washington, Jan. 1.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—The life or death of the present peace movement rests wholly in the hands of Germany.

This was known positively to be the belief today of Washington officials.

Furthermore, while administration officials believe the entente allies have left a loop hole for Germany to prove the sincerity of her original peace propositions the believed peace negotiations are today further off than they appeared to be at the start of the present movement.

This government feels that Germany must more frankly declare herself in regard to her plans and specifications if she is to keep alive any peace negotiation sentiment. That Germany may take this gigantic step in her next movement—insisting, however, that her terms be held in confidence—is deemed possible by many officials.

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