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All you have to do now is to keep up those resolutions and your Christmas card and you will be happy next New Years.

The holiday season is over. Let's buckle down to work for the next six months. It's a good time to hustle and it's the hustler who gets there ahead of the loafer. Smile and keep at it.

Let's make every day in 1917 count. There are so many things to do that will help the community. You might as well not live as to live selfishly. What you do for yourself is not what counts, but what you do for some one else, for those generations yet unborn, for the many who need help now, for the general good of the community. Let's start with a full-powered dynamo that will keep up speed for the entire year, that we may accomplish something worth while.

And now for a sixty day grind with the law makers. The freak laws have started already one being prepared to prevent women of Indiana from wearing corsets, another to make you liable for arrest if your breath has a taint of liquor, and others just as silly. Why men and women will persist in wasting their time and energy on planning and boosting fad laws has always been beyond our comprehension, but it perhaps keeps them out of other trouble, so let them go it alone.

Those dry democrats who could not vote for Tom Taggart on account of his views on the temperance question will no doubt be pleased to learn that Senator Watson recently informed the Indianapolis correspondent to the Cincinnati Enquirer that if he were a member of the Indiana legislature he would not support a statutory state-wide prohibition bill. He wants the question submitted to the people, but just how he would bring that about he does not say. But he's for letting the people vote on it.—Columbia City Post.

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A wonderful work could be done in Decatur by converting the old fair ground into a park. It contains twenty-two acres and could be made one of the most attractive parks in the state of Indiana and with little expense. The county should turn it over for park purposes, either to the county or the city and a start made on laying it out, building drives and walks and with just a little expenditure each year it would soon be a place which would attract the attention of every body far and near. A number of people here are interested now and a public meeting would, we believe result in an organization which would work for this purpose. Other cities have parks, many are just starting them, here is a chance for Decatur to lead all the others. At Kendallville, the citizens are buying seven acres for park purposes, at a cost of \$7,500. If the county and city will work together, we can have a park that will be one of the best in the Hoosier state. Why not do it?

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

### WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

**Tuesday.**  
Tri Kappas.—Postponed.  
Pythian Sisters.—K. of P. Home.  
**Wednesday.**  
Pythian Needle Club.  
Concord Lutheran Aid.—Mrs. Chas. Magley.  
Helping Hand.—Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer, Jr. at Sunday School Room.  
**Thursday.**  
Birthdays Club Ladies.—Mrs. John Stewart.  
Presbyterian Missionary.—Mrs. S. D. Beavers.  
Methodist Missionary.—Mrs. F. V. Mills.  
Le-Nick.—Marie Gass.

**Friday.**  
St. Vincent de Paul.—Mesdames Bremerkamp and Meibers.  
Christian Pastoral Helpers.—Mrs. G. C. Steele's section.—Mrs. Lawrence Schlegel.

"Let's resolve to let the unfortunate past drop into oblivion and never recall a disagreeable mistake unless it be to arm ourselves against falling into further error."

The Concord Lutheran Ladies' Aid society will be entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Charles Magley.

Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer will entertain the Helping Hand society Thursday afternoon in the German Reformed Sunday school room.

Mrs. F. A. Peoples, Mrs. Laura Miller and Mrs. Maggie Miller will entertain the Pythian Needle club Wednesday afternoon.

One of the many beautiful affairs given during the week was a 6 o'clock dinner at the home of Miss Beatrice Baltes on Forest Park boulevard Friday evening followed by a box party at the Palace theater. The guest of honor was Miss Jessie Holthouse, of Decatur, house guest of Miss Baltes. The other members of the party were the Misses Ruth Keenan, Jane McCarthy, Katherine Golden, Mildred Miller, Kathryn Carroll, Alma Centlivre, Charlotte Tobey, Katherine Lehman, Rosalie Weil and her guest, Miss Cann, and Esther Centlivre and her guest, Miss Franke.—Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kuebler and daughter, Marcella; Edna Crawford and Eleanor Forbush called on the Sisters at the Sacred Heart academy, Fort Wayne, yesterday afternoon. Marcella will return to her school work there tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Magley of Monmouth had as their guests at supper last evening, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Magley, Fanchon and Jessie Magley, this city, and Maude Magley, Fort Wayne. In the evening, the girls attended the play in Fort Wayne.

Misses Eulalia Wemhoff and Hazel David entertained at a watch party at the home of Sol David on S. Seventh street. Six couples were guests and highly enjoyed the games, music and the two course luncheon provided.

Miss Lydia Kirsch entertained last evening for a company of Heidelberg university friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kirsch on North Second street. Instrumental and vocal music and the game of progressive heart-letters were amusements. Charlotte Stengel was awarded the prize in the games. The hostess and her mother served a two course luncheon, the guests remaining

ing seated at the little tables at which the games were played. The party included Emma Weider, Agnes and Esther Sellemeyer, Albert Muehlner, Dwight Haney, this city; Margaret Weider, Fort Wayne; Ruth Kattman, Charlotte Stengel, Mr. Bixler, Ernest Stengel, Berne.

Miss Ruth Mayer gave a watch party Sunday evening, a delightful time, with music and games, being in order. Miss Neola Moyer of Fort Wayne was an out of town guest.

Miss Marie Gaffer returned this morning to Fort Wayne after a New Year's visit with Miss Frances Gaffer.

Miss Edna Winteress, of Berne, spent New Year's with the Misses Ruth and Naomi Mayer.

A delightful evening was that provided by Miss Martha Tucker for her guests, Esther and Alma Bowers, Blanche Biggs, Bob Meibers, Fred Schürger, Dan Falk and Russel Dull. Dancing was in order and light refreshments were served.

A New Year's family reunion and dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cowan on North Second street yesterday had the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knapp and son, Harry; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashbacher and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp.

The New Year's entertainment of a congenial company of friends by Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMahon at their home on First street was among the pleasant events of yesterday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Holthouse and children, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Holthouse, Mr. and Mrs. James K. Niblick and daughter, Verena, Miss Kunt Vogeleweide.

A New Year's family gathering of great enjoyment was that at the home of Mrs. Mary Weber on Nutman Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Will Bierbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kimble, Miss Norma Weber, Fort Wayne; and Fred, Clarence and Minnie Weber, comprised the party.

At the meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church with Mrs. F. V. Mills, on Thursday afternoon, the new study book, "Old Spain and New America" will be taken up. Mrs. Mary Eley is leader for the day and the program is outlined as follows: Devotionals, Mrs. F. G. Thornburg; summary of lesson, leader, Mrs. Eley; "Conquest of Mexico," Mrs. R. D. Myers; "Settlement of Florida" by Menendez, Mrs. C. L. Walters; "Result of Spanish Conquests" Mrs. John Niblick; Vocal solo, Mrs. P. B. Thomas.

The Heidelberg students from Berne were entertained at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Kattmann on Friday evening. This evening there will be a meeting of Heidelberg students from Bluffton, Berne and Ft. Wayne at the home of Miss Lydia Kirsch in Decatur. Those who will be present from Berne are Misses Lottie Stengel and Ruth Kattmann, Ed Eichenberger, Ernest Stengel and Ermin Bixler.—Berne Witness.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oliver of Monroe entertained at a New Year's dinner for C. E. Hocker and family, Decatur; Mrs. McKeeman and daughter, Ruth, Fort Wayne; Levi Bovine, Bluffton; Mrs. Justine Hocker.

Mrs. L. W. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Frank, Anola and Mydon Frank saw the play, "The Birth of a Nation" in Fort Wayne yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. Bremerkamp and Mrs. D. J. Meibers will be hostess to the St. Vincent de Paul society Friday afternoon at the Bremerkamp home. The election of officers will be held and all are urged to attend.

A fine 6:00 o'clock dinner was served last evening to the members of the July section of the Ladies Aid Society of the Evangelical Church by their husbands at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Merryman on Rugg street. The July section is composed of the following members: Mrs. Henry Adler, chairman, Mrs. Roy Baker, Mrs. L. A. Jackson, Mrs. Ollie Heller, Mrs. Orval Harroff and Mrs. L. Merryman. This section raised the sum of \$134 for the new church during the past year.

The Pythian Sisters will have election of officers this evening. The degree staff is also requested to be present for practice.

Mrs. John Stewart will entertain the ladies of the Birthday club at her home on South Third street Thursday afternoon.

The Presbyterian Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society's meeting, which was postponed until next week, will be held Thursday afternoon of this week instead. The hostess will be Mrs. S. D. Beavers. A

good attendance is desired, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. John Stewart will entertain the ladies of the Birthday Club Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Everett entertained at a New Year's duck dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Cal Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. John Everett, Geraldine and Helen Everett.

The business meeting of the Historical club will be held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam E. Hite.

Miss Jane Ernst, of Fort Wayne, spent Sunday and New Years with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Lachot.

Miss Mabel Burns has been entertaining a company of friends during the holidays, they being C. J. Marx, Chicago; C. E. Wells, Richmond, Va.; Ardean Burns, Cleveland, Ohio, Ardean Burns is a brother of Mrs. J. G. Barthorpe at the Burns home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Bryan entertained at dinner Sunday. Covers were laid for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. William Frazier and daughter, Katie, and granddaughter, Leah Porter, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stove and sons, Roy and Paul, of near Willshire; Mr. and Mrs. Will Durbin and daughter, Nellie, and son, Lester; Mr. and Mrs. Will Strickler and son, Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Durkey and son, Ralph; Nola, Faye and Chester Bryan. The dinner was most tempting and consisted of all the dainties of the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bowen celebrated their first wedding anniversary New Year's day by entertaining at a turkey dinner for Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Leahy, of Churubusco; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. O'David and children, May, Richard and Kathleen, of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. James Quinlan and son, James, Jr., of Auburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lee of this city. The Misses Charlotte and Margaret Niblick were guests of the O'David children.

**STEAL \$100 DOG—SELL IT FOR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS**

(United Press Service)  
Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 2.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Lawrence Becker's famous beagle, worth at least \$100, was taken by boys and sold to another man for twenty-five cents. The boy is a prize winner at the bench show in Madison Square garden.

**Not Quite Perfect.**  
In this neighborhood there is one little boy who seems so well brought up and altogether so desirable a child that for a time we felt sure the neighbor women wouldn't be able to think of anything to say, but now we understand from a reliable source that it's a perfect shame that his parents are jeopardizing his whole future by not having his teeth straightened.—Ohio State Journal.

**MOOSE DANCE THURSDAY.**

The regular Thursday night dance will be held this week as usual, at the Moose hall. Don't forget it or you forget an enjoyable occasion. These events are popular because every one who attends has a happy evening. Forget your cares and join the crowd. 27713w-ff

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Mrs. C. H. Cotter saw "The Birth of a Nation" in Fort Wayne today.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eichenberger of Berne were attending to business here this morning.

Mrs. Marvey Mygrants and babe returned to South Bend after a visit here with the Asa Engle family.

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## TO SAVE BIRD SANCTUARY

Audubon Societies Working to Prevent Threatened Destruction of Reservation in Oregon.

The destruction of one of the largest, if not the largest, federal bird reservation in the United States is threatened, according to an announcement made by T. Gilbert Pearson of New York city, secretary of the National Association of Audubon societies. The reservation threatened is at Lake Malheur, in southeastern Oregon, and is a breeding place for hundreds of thousands of wild ducks, wild geese and other water fowl.

Application has been made to the federal authorities for permission to drain the lake in order to secure the land it covers. The lake is six miles wide by 15 miles long, and is about six feet deep. It supplies an ideal breeding place for wild water fowl, Mr. Pearson says, and, therefore, it attracts wild geese and ducks from Canada in large numbers. Its destruction, he declares, will leave thousands of young water fowl without a home.

Secretary Pearson has taken the matter up with the officials of the general land office, who have promised to investigate. It is understood that those who plan the destruction of the bird reservation have already secured the co-operation of the state land board of Oregon. For that reason, Mr. Pearson regards the situation as imminent and believes it will require quick and earnest appeals to the secretary of the interior from those who believe in the protection of wild birds, to prevent the destruction of the colony.

"There are about five million guns in the United States," said Mr. Pearson, "and the only way to preserve our migratory game birds is to have these sanctuaries—areas in which they can never be killed, under any circumstances."

## Garden Plots and Patriotism.

We farmers, as a rule, are not a class of men who can boast of bank accounts upon which we might draw to purchase American flags, so our patriotism must manifest itself in some other form. One of my patriotic neighbors, by the way, has become so enthused over the matter of preparedness that he has laid out his small farm to resemble Old Glory, seven rows of red-top beets representing the gory stripes, with six rows of white turnips alternated between them. On one corner of the plot six rows of cabbage heads indicate the 48 stars of the Union Jack, and on the fence post at the upper corner of this American vegetable flag sits a stuffed henhawk with spread wings resembling the American eagle. This is not all. No, indeed! He has arranged a set of bugle calls for the dinner horn which begin at the hour of reveille and at which every member of his patriotic household tumbles out. Military salutes have taken the place of "Good mornin', Sal," and "How-do, Hank," and other unpatriotic expressions of cordiality.—Zim in Cartoons Magazine.

Cecil Cole returned today noon to his work at Erie, Pa.

**WANTED—A boy or young man clerk.—Martin, Braun & Johns.** 213

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## NOTICE

To Our Customers and the Public General.

The undersigned sold and will be the meat market on the side of Second street, known as the Dyommitt or City Meat market on January 1. We ally invite and will be pleased to meet our friends and customers and the general public at meat market on the west side of Second street known as the Ber & Hower meat market where you can buy the choicest meats at the low market price and where you will receive the best and courteous treatment by Messrs. Bal Hower.

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Fine Wool Suits, this season's best values, \$25.00 suits, this sale.... **\$11.75**

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