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Not a pound of hard coal in the county, soft coal at a premium and every bin getting down about as low as the mercury is not the most cheerful condition imaginable but at that we are better off than in many cities and we have the assurance from the ground hog that its only to last another month.

The outlook in Decatur is the brightest it has been in many years and we believe that during the next few months you will agree with us that this is the best community, the best city and the best county in the state of Indiana. A number of proposed improvements during the year with several added industries, new business blocks and new dwellings will push the old town along to a place that will be envied by our neighbors. Be a booster.

The closing days of the general assembly will as usual be filled with many things that will bear watching. The democratic editors of the state said to the democratic members of the house and senate, "we have confidence in you, we like your good judgment and your excellent performance to date and we are for you in opposing the false pretense measures introduced in the name of economy." That about expresses what all the people say. While the democratic senators number but half the membership there have been enough unchained republicans to make a majority in opposing unworthy measures. Governor Goodrich has been trying to whip the republicans into line but to date his success has not been good.

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character in all time stands out more boldly or better inspires the boy and girl of this age than this kind and lovable leader of civil war time.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

Delta Theta Tau—Vera Mower.

Tuesday

Bachelor Maids—Rose Tonnerer, Theobie Class—Mrs. Fred Ashbaucher.

Tri Kapas—Madge Hite.

Pythian Needle Club—Mrs. G. C. Mount, Mrs. John Stewart and Mrs. Belle Johnson, at K. of P. Home.

Local Workers—Mrs. Fred Linn.

Wednesday.

Reformed Aid—Mr. Martin Miller, Ladies of Birthday Club—Mrs. Fred Patterson.

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Ruth Circle Valentine Social—Den Hur Hall.

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Historical—Mrs. Al Burd.

Shakespeare—Mrs. D. M. Hensley.

Friday.

Dance at Moose Hall.

Zion Lutheran Aid—School House.

The Fun in Life.

A sense of humor is more valuable for a busy woman than all the latest inventions for making housekeeping easy. The patent dish-washer, the self-feeding and self-shaking range, the washing-machine, the break-mixer and the egg-beater all put together will not help "mother" through Saturday morning so well as the ability to laugh long and heartily.—The Youth's Companion.

The Tri Kappas will meet Tuesday evening with Miss Madge Hite. Mrs. Florence Moses will have the program.

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The Reformed Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Martin Miller on Wednesday afternoon.

A triple alliance annual birthday celebration, observing the birth anniversaries of Mrs. Leo Wilhelmina, daughter, Reba and Miss Dorothy Schultz, was held at the Wilhelmina home yesterday. A chicken dinner was served, the colors of pink and white being carried out in the dinner, and especially prettily in the cake and ice cream. Covers were laid for Mrs. Henry Schultz and grandson, Oscar; Will Helm, Jack Conway, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mumma, Joe Mumma, Bob Gerard, Otto Kiefer, Carl Keistner, Mrs. Mary Steele, Winifred and Frances Merriman. The anniversaries are celebrated jointly each year and yesterday's was the usual pleasant affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper and daughter, Maude, entertained at dinner and supper Sunday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snyder, Ft. Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lord and children, Naomi Lawrence and Solomon; Mrs. Anna Neuenschwander.

Another jolly neighborhood party was that of Saturday evening when the company surprised Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lord and family. They took their suppers with them and invaded the Lord home for a good time. In a donkey tail pinning contest, Mrs. Fred Gall won the prize; and in a touch contest Frank McConnell was the winner. Other games were played and music was provided by Roy and Joie Wolford; Mrs. Fred Gall and Miss Maude Cooper. Appetizing supper in-

cluded baked beans, olives, veal loaf, sandwiches, coffee, cake and fruit salad. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Will G. Kist, T. C. Corbett, and daughter Lucile; John Christen, Charles Cooper and daughter, Maude; Fred Bacon and daughter, Beatrice; Fred Snyder, Frank McConnell, Frank Hodgins and children, Fred Gall and children, Mrs. Mandama Vincent, Cass and Frank Bacon, John and Roy Wolford; Lawrence and Solomon Lord.

The Delta Theta Tau sorority held a business meeting on Friday evening at the home of Miss Vera Reinhard at which time plans were outlined for the national sorority convention which will be held in Portland the last week in June. Mr. Dyer of Indianapolis, the sorority jewelry men was present and through him the members selected their dance programs, menu cards and favors which will be in the jewelry line—Portland Sun.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Magley entertained a company of friends last evening. First prize in games was won by Henry Heckman and the booby by Miss Delta Heckman. A fine lunch was served. Guests were Delta and Clara Heckman, Viola Conrad, Henry Oetting, William Aumann, Alvin Conrad Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Franz.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCrory of Berne entertained a company of their friends at a chicken dinner last evening. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin King, Miss Kittie Fought this city, Miss Treva Foreman, of Berne, Ind., and the Mrs. Ralph Miller who had been visiting in Berne returned last evening with the others.

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