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A week from next Friday is Christmas. That way of putting it may cause you to realize that the big event is right here.

The year 1925 is about over and this would be a good time to begin thinking about 1926 and what we will do. Indications are that it will be better in a business way. As a community we can take advantage of the fact if we will.

It's getting a little late to shop early but you still have all next week and you will profit by starting in Monday and finishing the job. The Decatur stores are filled with gifts, beautiful and useful and you will be surprised at the prices.

For two weeks, beginning January 10th, the churches of Decatur will make an effort to interest the people of their congregation in spiritual affairs. It's a splendid movement. Make your dates accordingly. Lodges and other organizations are co-operating in the work.

Whiskey flasks and cock-tail shakers are said to be the biggest sellers in the jewelry department of a big Indianapolis store for the Christmas trade and every one who gets one is expected to violate the law. The trouble seems to be that a lot of people don't want to enforce the law and as many don't want it enforced.

Christmas without the exchange of gifts would not be so delightful or so popular. Have you ever really stopped to think seriously about those folks so unfortunate as to not be able to do this and of the boy and girls who would press their faces against the window glass, in vain hopes of seeing Santa come? A little donation to the Good Fellow club will assure you that there will be none of these in this community.

Are you using Christmas seals? Every penny you spend for one of these little seals goes to fight one of humanity's greatest enemies—tuberculosis. The money secured from the sale of Red Cross stamps is the only fund which the organization has and that your money thus spent heretofore, has been worth while is easily proven by the records of success. Only a few years ago in each county of the middle west dozens of people died annually from tuberculosis. Now such an occurrence is rare.

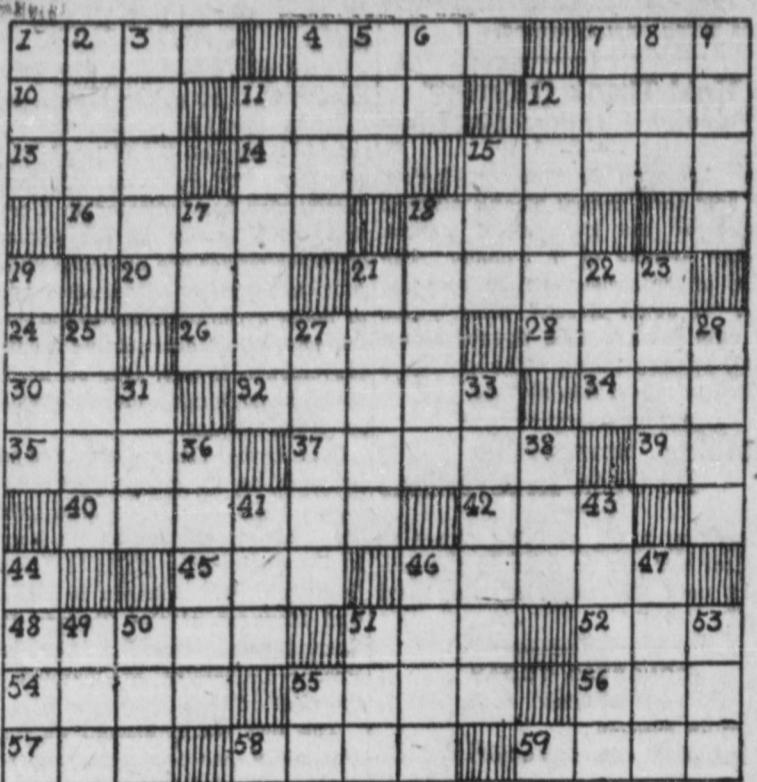
During this week the local banks have paid out to Christmas savers some twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars and the fact has been quite noticeable among the stores. It's a mighty fine thing and while enjoying it, you should not forget to start a savings account now for next year. It's a good thing for the community, the bank, the merchant, but it's a better thing for you and the best boosters are those who have been doing it for some years. Thrift is one of the needs of this country and any thing which helps along that line is worth while. Start a savings account now so that when next summer arrives you will have the money for a vacation or when Christmas comes again you will be all set to pay as you go.

Lafayette will secure the state Pythian home, according to announcement made by the site committee yesterday. The committee, of which Mr. Lower of this city, was chairman.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

FORT	WISPER	CAR
OPERATIE	PEW	TRIO
RETURN	REHALT	
ACMES	RAVES	
BAKE	PEW	PAD
LIE	ATTEMPT	M
OR	GNU	SAY
TRINITY	BUD	PA
WOO	ERE	MUTE
SERUM	ERROR	
CARPET	NATION	
AVINOR	THANE	
RED	DEAL	SLEW

DAILY DEMOCRAT CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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Horizontal.		Vertical.
1—Division of a house	2—Native metals	
4—Costly	4—To run quickly	
7—Brother of a religious order	5—Kind of tree	6—Boy's name
12—Part of a circle	7—Distant	
13—Side of a room	8—Long, narrow inlet	
14—To embark in a ship	9—Mountains of Switzerland	
15—Mound of earth	11—Desired	12—Platform
16—Limb	15—Strip of leather	17—Electrified particle
18—A holy person	18—Places	19—Same as 55 horizontal
19—Negative	21—Devil	22—Evening (poetic)
24—Brand (abbr.)	24—At no time	25—Minority group
25—Wickedness	26—Kind of beer	27—Steam
27—Condams	28—Greek letter	29—Young sheep
28—Additional amount	30—Period of time	31—Not often
31—Places in a fixed position for effect	32—To fall	33—Ocean
33—Printing measure	41—Egg of a louse	42—One who acts for another
34—Piece of heavy artillery	43—One who acts for another	44—Information
35—Meadow	45—First man	46—First man
36—Man's polite title	47—One of great lakes	48—Evil
37—Proverb	48—Concerning	50—Aged
38—Mus.	52—Before (poetic)	51—Beverage
39—Story	53—Same as 5 vertical	55—Thus
40—To close violently, as a door	57—To sum	
41—Nothing	58—A notation	

Solution will appear in next issue.

# Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest

AS IT SEEKS TO ME

Well, as I say, let sages rave and rant, So regularly here the sunlight gleams And seek to find the life source of the plant, And night descends; Surely some purpose sends Always to join the sea the brooks and streams, And ponder why Humans are born and die. This I am sure of: No unreasoning force Could launch the planets on so true a course. The problem's too deep, I can't know— Why grass is green and summer roses grow.

"God has produced another lovely day! If man stood still and never learned to do One thing the better than his fathers knew; A bird sings And the air rings If something whole With its music blithe and gay. And perfect like the soul And I am glad I'm living here to strive, Did not in moments strange flash into view

And seem to say: "Eternity is yours!" Not by some accident of chance, it Then beasts were finer walking on all fours.

ADVISING THE BOY ON MARRIAGE

Boy, when you think that you want to And you want to be sure, ere you make get married, her wife, You can always remain her defender. Be sure it is love and not fancy; Make sure it's the heart, not your eye, Just stop and consider all wives which that is carried you see— Away with the beauty of Nancy. The cross one, the plain one, the fat one; Could you still cherish Nancy and love her if she Should alter like this one or that one?

I am old at the game and I know the delight Of a maid when your arm is about her; But, my boy, ere you marry, be sure you are right. Well, Nancy, or Mabel, or Florence, or Grace Will change in appearance, so tarry; And if you can love her, whatever takes place, I'd say it's all right to marry.

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Colleges Discuss World Court Plan At Conference

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 12—(United Press) — Representatives of nearly 200 colleges in every section of the country were here today as delegates to the National Collegiate World Court Conference which opened a two-day session to discuss the advisability of this nation's adherence to the World Court.

John W. Davis, Henry Van Dyke, President H. G. Garfield of Williams College and President Mary Wooley of Mount Holyoke were among the speakers scheduled to address the conference.

At the conclusion of the conference resolutions will be adopted expressing its conclusions which a committee will be selected to deliver to President Coolidge.

Iowa Man Recognized As Poultry King Today

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(United Press) — Oscar Grow, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was recognized officially today as poultry king of the United States by Gov. Len Small, of Illinois.

The only sweepstakes prize awarded at the great mid-west poultry show in Fort Wayne visiting with friends.

More Veterans Are In Hospitals Now Than Any Time Since World War

By Joseph S. Wessney  
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—Caring for disabled world war veterans and dependents of deceased soldiers cost the government \$393,755,575 during the fiscal year. General Frank T. Hines, director of the Veterans Bureau reported to Congress today.

The terrible aftermath of the war was shown by General Hines' statement that 211,644 veterans are disabled from wounds or disease contracted while in the service and that 27,625 veterans have died since the Bureau

casualties in action while disease caused the remainder of the deaths.

Records on June 30, were maintained by the Bureau for 552,340 veterans carrying \$2,865,028,729 of insurance. The majority of the veterans held 20 payment life policies.

On June 30 monthly installments of term insurance were being paid to 10,470 permanently and totally disabled veterans. The total amount to be paid is \$87,826,097. Monthly installments of term insurance were being paid to the beneficiaries of 141,384 deceased veterans, the total amount of insurance involved being \$1,275,216,688.

Through the calendar year 1924, there has been a total of 1,664 awards made to permanently and totally disabled veterans for converted insurance in the amount of \$6,723,896. There have also been awards made as a result of death of 4,081 veterans in the amount of \$17,319,917.

A total of 2,845,180 applications for benefits under the world war adjusted compensation act were received by the Veterans Bureau up to June 30, 1925. Cash payments amounting to \$2,959,319.92 were made to 89,813 veterans. Adjusted service certificates were authorized issued to 2,640,177 men. The face value of the certificates was \$2,732,809,167. Awards of \$6,339,871.49 were made on 17,528 dependency cases and claims of 4,416 beneficiaries amounted to \$4,634,013.88.

General medical and surgical conditions were the cause of disability in 126,860 cases or 57.2 percent of the entire number of cases on which disability compensation was being paid by the government. The monthly value of payments for the general cases was \$3,094,400.

Vocational training work of the Veterans Bureau has practically been completed, Hines reported. On June 30, 22,937 former service men were in training to fit themselves for industrial life. These men will have completed their courses before June 30, 1926. To refit veterans for commercial life the government expended \$60,482,478 last year.

Compensation was being paid to 16,346 widows, 19,989 children and 57,234 parents of veterans who have died as a result of service. Thirty-two percent of the deaths for which compensation is now being paid were due to

With the passage of the World War Veterans Act in 1924 it was anticipated that there would be a material increase in the number of hospital admissions.

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