

# REMUS REVEALS WORK OF RUM RING

## WET BLOC DRIVE ON VOLSTEAD ACT BRINGS RESULTS

Sen. Cummins Announces That Hearings Will Be Held On Beer Bill

## PLANS TO HEAR ALL ARGUMENTS

(United Press)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The wet bloc's bombardment of the Volstead act in the senate yesterday was not without results, it was learned today when Senator Cummins, Iowa, republican, chairman of the senate judiciary committee, made known that open public hearings would be held on the Edge bill to legalize 2.75 per cent beer.

Cummins said he would appoint a subcommittee to conduct the hearings.

"I cannot say when the hearings will begin and how long they will last, but I am sure of one thing and that is that there will be many hearings on the bill," he said.

"Everybody who wants to testify on the bill will be heard, of course. I don't know what they will be able to prove. Congress, under the eighteenth amendment, cannot legalize liquor that is intoxicating, and who is to say when liquor is intoxicating? And when is a person intoxicated?—when he's feeling happy or when he can't walk?"

"Everybody knows that liquor that wouldn't begin to stimulate one person might make another person drunk, and the constitutional amendment prohibits intoxicating liquor. So it seems to me that the only safe thing for congress to do is to stay within a maximum alcoholic content that won't make any one drunk. And we are sure that one-half of one per cent is that kind of liquor."

## Radio Fans To Meet Here This Evening

All radio fans are invited to attend the meeting of the Adams county radio club at the Industrial rooms at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Important matters, regarding improvement of the reception here and the maintenance of good reception will be discussed.

## Stores Open Nights To Accommodate Shoppers

Decatur business men are beginning to keep their stores open during the evening until after Christmas in order that those who work in factories will be able to get the same advantages of shopping early. Local jewelry stores, clothing stores, dry goods stores and drug stores are now remaining open in the evening and hardware stores will begin tomorrow. Other stores will follow in the next day or two, it is expected.

## SEE PLAY GIVEN AT FORT WAYNE

## Cast Of Central School Play See Production Staged Last Night

Several eight grade pupils of the Central school, composing the cast of the home talent play, "His Uncle's Niece," to be presented at the Decatur high school auditorium January 7 and 8, and their coach, Miss Grace Coffey, and Principal W. Guy Brown went to Fort Wayne last night to witness the presentation of the play. The play was given in Fort Wayne by the St. Paul Lutheran church, at the church auditorium, and was greatly enjoyed by members of the local cast. The Central pupils learned many pointers about the play, which will greatly assist them in presenting their version of it in this city.

## New Submarine Tender To Be Commissioned Soon

The U. S. S. Holland, submarine tender, will be placed in commission soon at the Bremerton Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington.

The Holland is the newest type of submarine tender, and on being placed in commission will join the U. S. Pacific Fleet.

On January 1, 1926, re-enlistments in the Navy for duty aboard this new tender will be accepted at the Navy Recruiting Station, Postoffice Building, Fort Wayne. Men re-enlisting for the Holland will be sent direct to the Navy Yard, Bremerton. Recruiting is also open for first enlistments in the Navy.

## START ISSUING AUTO LICENSES

## First 1926 Plates Issued At Local Branch Office Yesterday

Issuing of new license plates for automobiles for 1926 was started yesterday morning by Miss Helen Eady, at the Graham and Walters office, which is the local license bureau of the state department. All auto and truck owners in Adams county will obtain their licenses at the Graham and Walters branch.

A total of 27 auto licenses and 4 truck licenses were issued yesterday and today, according to Miss Eady. Fred Kolter, manager of the Adams County Auto company, was the first citizen of Adams county to obtain plates for 1926. His license number is 243,001. The serial number for this

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## D. H. S. ALUMNI PLAN PROGRAM

## Events For Home-Coming, December 28, Are Being Arranged Now

The program committee for the high school alumni home-coming, reunion and banquet, to be held at the high school building on the afternoon and evening of Monday, December 28, today made a report to French Quinn, general chairman of the event, and the following recommendations have been approved and are now being arranged:

2:00 P. M.—Registration.

3:30—Talks by former teachers and superintendents.

6:00—Banquet. French Quinn, '87, toastmaster.

Welcome—Howard Brumley, '24, Chicago, Ill.

Responses—Howard Wisehaupt, '11, Cleveland, Ohio; Judge D. E. Smith, '89, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. C. A. Dugan, '81, Decatur.

Around the table—a minute for the visitors.

8:00—Please stand by a few minutes while the crowd moves from the banquet table to the auditorium room up stairs, where a feature program will be carried out.

For this event, the period from 1881 to 1925 has been divided into five decades. Chairmen have been named for each of these periods who will organize the alumni members for those years and they will give a fifteen-minute program, indicative of school life of that era, showing the difference in dress and custom and program during the nearly fifty years of existence of the Decatur high school. The chairmen selected are:

1881 to 189—Mrs. W. A. Lower.

1891 to 1900—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Schrock.

1901 to 1910—Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Knapp.

1911 to 1920—Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Porter.

1921 to 1925—Miss Veronica Anker.

The rooms will be decorated for the occasion, one feature which will attract attention being the art gallery, containing pictures of the graduates and other features. Other details will be given later. Suffice to say, the enthusiasm is growing and from two hundred and fifty to three hundred are expected to attend, many from a distance.

## RECEPTION AND BANQUET HELD BY ELKS LODGE

## Dedication Of New Lodge Home Ends With Happy Affair Last Night

## MANY VISITING ELKS PRESENT

More than 100 members of the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and about 20 visiting Elks, attended the dedication banquet held at the new Elks home on North Second street at 6 o'clock last night. A two-course chicken dinner was served to those attending.

The meal was prepared by Mrs. W. H. Niblick, Mrs. James Niblick, Mrs. Ben Knapp, Mrs. J. W. Meibers, Mrs. Ed Whitright, Miss Verena Niblick, Miss Agnes Weber, Mrs. Charles Lang and Mrs. Harry Fritzinger. The dinner was served on the first floor at long tables and those who attended were more than pleased with the fine meal which the ladies prepared.

Several baskets of roses were placed on the first floor of the home. One large basket was presented the Elks by Mrs. W. H. Niblick and J. G. Niblick. J. G. Niblick also presented a large silk flag to the lodge. C. J. Lutz acted as toastmaster at the banquet.

French Quinn, of this city, gave a short talk and Thurman Gottschalk, of Berne, state representative for Adams and Wells counties, also delivered a talk. Fred Brown, district deputy for Indiana Elks, congratulated the local lodge on its fine new home and told of a few instances of interest that occurred at the various Indiana lodges.

After the banquet, the members of the lodge, their wives, and families gathered for the reception. A dance was held on the third floor of the home and about fifty couples enjoyed this part of the program. Several tables of Bridge and Five Hundred were used on the first floor. At the close of the reception, each lady present was presented with a rose.

The dedication service was held yesterday afternoon. The initiation ceremony, which was to follow the dedication, was postponed until a later date. About 50 members attended the dedication service in the afternoon, at which time Deputy Brown received the new home into the grand lodge.

## MANY CHRISTMAS SEALS ARE SOLD

## Committee In Charge Expects Larger Sale This Year Than In Past

With only a little more than a week before Christmas, Christmas seal enthusiasts are continuing to maintain their record of sales and W. Guy Brown, in charge of the seal distribution in Adams county, and his assistants, believe that the sale this year will be larger in his county than any previous year.

Not a single school in the county has failed, so far, to respond to their quota and hundreds of Decatur citizens have bought seals. Several local stores are placing the seals on letters and packages, and the Adams County Tuberculosis Society urges that everyone use the seals the next few days.

The profits derived from the sale of seals remains in this county to assist in cases of tuberculosis and also in the feeding of undernourished school children. Many school children are fed daily in Adams county by means of the Society, it was learned today. The milk stores are maintained at many country schools and at all the ward schools in Decatur.

The society which sponsors the sale of Christmas Seals is always at the door of those with the dreaded disease. It also conducts research work relative to the eradicating of the disease. The seals are on sale at the various schools, and at several leading stores in Decatur.

## RADIO HERO



Dainotta Anselmo, operator on the S. S. Campania, rammed in Chesapeake Bay, stuck to his post, repeatedly calling for aid, until the Coast Guard Cutter Apache came to the rescue.

## MORE SNOWFALL IS PREDICTED

## Weather Bureau Forecasts Snow For Tonight; Cold In Northwest

Chicago, Dec. 16.—(United Press)—More snow will fall tonight in much of this forecast area, the weather bureau predicted today, as new snow falls were reported from Nebraska and Minnesota.

In northern Minnesota the fall was so heavy that highway traffic suffered. Motor bus service was temporarily halted between Duluth and Port Arthur.

The Mississippi river at Winona, Minn., is frozen over.

Nebraska is already blanketed with from two to 14 inches of snow, the result of several days precipitation.

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin will get snow by tonight or tomorrow, the weather bureau stated.

## MINISTERS AND FAMILIES MEET

## Social Held At Home Of The Rev. And Mrs. H. W. Thompson Last Night

Members of the Decatur Ministerial Association, together with their wives and families, held a social meeting at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Thompson, on West Adams street, last night. About twenty-five persons were present. A cafeteria supper was served at 6 o'clock. This was followed by a social hour. During the evening, the ministers held a short meeting, during which time they discussed plans for the simultaneous evangelistic services to be held here by the Protestant churches beginning January 10. Before leaving for their homes, the ministers and families sang several Christmas carols. The next social meeting of the organization will be held in February at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. B. N. Covert, on Mercer avenue. It was decided to dispense with the meeting in January, on account of the evangelistic meetings in progress at that time.

## DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TODAY



## Weather

Mostly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday. Possibly some snow in north portion; slightly colder tonight in east portion.

## SHORT SESSION HELD BY COUNCIL TUESDAY EVENING

## Routine Matters Disposed Of; Third Street Ornamental Lights Installed

## SPECIAL MEETING SET FOR DEC. 30

A short session of the city council was held last evening, routine matters being disposed of during the meeting.

Julius Hatzek, contractor on the Jefferson street and South First street improvements, filed his maintenance bonds, which were approved by the council. The bonds are for two years, during which time the contractor is liable for any defects in the construction of the streets.

M. J. Mylott, superintendent of the electric light department, filed reports on the completion of the ornamental lights on North Third street and of the erection of street lights at the corner of Twelfth street and Nuttman avenue; the corner of Sixth and Jefferson streets and on McBurness street.

The electric light committee granted the petition of property owners for a street light at the corner of Eighth and Monroe streets.

The petition of Charles J. Quandt, for an electric light at the corner of Thirteenth and Jackson streets, was referred to the electric light committee.

The petition of Charles Robenold to become a member of the city volunteer fire department was filed with the council.

The finance committee allowed the usual bills and December 30 was fixed as the date on which a special session of the council would be held, at which time, bills will be allowed and carried-over business disposed of before the new council comes into power on January 1.

## Baby Girl Is Found In Depot At South Bend

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 16.—An 18-day old baby girl found in the New York Central station here today, was still a nameless waif, police failing to locate the woman who left it.

The infant was wrapped in two dainty blankets, crucifix, a ring of gold wire and a note to juvenile authorities was attached to the blankets.

## CLUB RECORD BOOKS GRADED

## Albert Davison Makes Highest Grade For Record Book In Corn Club

Albert Davison, 15-year-old corn club member residing in St. Marys township and a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Davison, has the honor of submitting the best corn club record book in the club this year. He was given a grade of 33.5 points of a possible 35 points.

H. S. Heckard, county agent of Jay county, graded the record books and a complete report of the grades was received this morning by the local county agent. Albert attends the Pleasant Mills High School.

Gilbert Glendenning, who attends the Hartford township high school, submitted the second best record book upon which he received a grade of 32.75 points. He is 16 years of age.

Other members receiving high grades upon their books are listed in order: Sylvan Habegger, Benjamin D. Mazelin, Calvin Steury, Herbert Hawkins, Robert L. Bryan, E. H. M. Schwartz, Robert Studler, David V. Graber, Caleb Habegger, Albert E. Steury, Reuben L. Habegger, Simon M. Schwartz, Franklin C. Mazelin, Martin Habegger, Solomon Elcher, Walter Amstutz, Floyd Rupert and Herman Patterson.

## Lloyd Heller Resigns Principship At Bluffton

Lloyd Heller, of Hartford township, has resigned his position as principal of the Central schools in Bluffton, his resignation becoming effective with the closing of school next Friday for the Christmas vacation. Mr. Heller resigned in order that he might enter the state normal school at Muncie on January 4 and complete his course of advanced studies. He has been teaching for several years, attending college during the vacation periods. He went to the Bluffton schools from the Hartford township schools four years ago. Ward Huffman, a teacher in the Central schools, will succeed Mr. Heller as principal.

## DECORATION OF STREET URGED

## Use Of Small Christmas Trees In Flag Pole Holders Is Suggested

The suggestion has been made that small Christmas trees be placed in the flag pole holders along Second street and then decorated with electric lights for the holidays. One man, who is interested in the movement, stated that the business men at Portland decorate the streets in this manner and thinks it is a fine way to add to the Christmas spirit.

Small trees are used and during the evening the lights on the trees are turned on. It is not known if there is a sufficient number of trees in the city to carry out this plan, but the person suggesting the idea thought

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## CHALLENGE MADE BY ADAMS COUNTY

## Other Counties Challenged To Hog-Calling Contest At Purdue

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 16.—"Adams County challenges counties of state to hog calling contest during Agricultural Conference—arrange details," reads a telegram received today by Director G. I. Christie of Purdue University Agricultural Extension Service from L. M. Busche, county agent in Adams county.

By long distance phone it was learned that Adams county is conducting a hog warbling contest that reaches into every corner of the county so that the best possible caller will come to Lafayette to compete in a state-wide calling contest. So plans are made by Director Christie to put on a calling contest the evening of January 12, at the Purdue Livestock Judging Pavilion, during the week of the Agricultural Conference, January 11 to 15.

Whether or not vocal effort is of prime importance in the raising of hogs may be open to questions, but one thing is certain about Adams County hog raisers. They have a right to claim they are the best hog feeders in the state because they produced more ton litters this year than any other Hoosier county. Their record was twelve ton litters and ten litters weighing 1600 and less than 2000 pounds. The average weight of the 22 litters at 180 days of age was 2146 pounds. But feeding ability and hog calling ability may not go hand-in-hand. Adams county may be "who-oo-oo-ey-ing" too loud when she challenges the rest of the state to a hog calling contest.

The winner of the state-wide calling contest will be given a free ticket to the annual banquet of the Indiana Livestock Breeders' Association, the evening of January 13, at which the \$7.00-per-pound champion beef carcass, donated by President W. W. Wilson and Son of Muncie, will be served.

## Hardware Stores To Be Open In Evenings

Beginning Tuesday evening, December 17, the hardware stores in this city will remain open each evening until Christmas.

## BOOTLEG KING HEARD IN TRIAL AT INDIANAPOLIS

## Strenuous Objections Of Defense Attorneys Overruled By Court

## HELPED RAISE FUND FOR THE SYNDICATE

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)  
Indianapolis, Dec. 16.—Over the strenuous objections of defense attorneys, George Remus, bootleg king of Cincinnati, in federal court here today began his revelation of the operations of one of the largest alleged rum running syndicates uncovered in the history of national prohibition enforcement.

Remus was called by the government in the trial of twenty-eight persons charged with conspiracy for the substitution of water for whiskey in 860 barrels in the Jack Daniel's distillery at St. Louis.

A volley of objections arose from the defense as Remus started toward the witness stand. They charged Remus could not testify because his estranged wife, Mrs. Imogene Remus was one of the defendants.

Mrs. Remus was discharged from the case and a further defense objection that Remus could not testify because he was a co-conspirator in the plot, was overruled.

Remus, sitting in the witness chair with an air of importance, testified that he aided in raising the money for the purchase of the Daniels distillery by members of the syndicate.

## GOOD FELLOWS CLUB

Be A Good Fellow And Help Provide A Merry Christmas For The Kiddies.

The Mutschler Packing company hosted the Good Fellows Club Christmas fund today with a contribution of \$10. The Pythian Needle Club gave \$5 and the McConnell & Son tobacco company donated \$3. Other donations of smaller amounts swelled the day's total to \$20.95 and the grand total to \$149.44. Much more money is needed by the Delta Theta Tau sorority, sponsors of the club, with which to provide a merry Christmas for the poor kiddies of the city and community. The money must be secured soon, too, as the committee must make the purchases before next Thursday. Today's contributions were:

Previous total	\$128.95
Mutschler Packing Co.	10.00
McConnell & Son	3.00
Josephine Archbold	1.00
Helen Gass	1.00
Pythian Sisters Needle Club	5.00
Friends (total)	.95
Total	\$149.44

## DAIRY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY

## Purdue Man Lectures On Soybeans At Meeting Being Held At Berne

The first session of the "Dairy Feeds and Feeding School," being held at Berne, took place this afternoon with a good attendance of farmers who listened to K. E. Beeson, of Purdue, discuss the growing and use of soybeans for dairy cow feed. Mr. Beeson brought out the fact that soybeans can be successfully grown on practically any kind of ground, are good feed both in the form of hay and when the threshed beans are ground with corn and oats in the grain ration. He emphasized the necessity of killing all weeds before the beans are sown and of inoculating.

M. A. Ripley, a farmer of Blue Creek township, who has enjoyed considerable success in the growing of soybeans, followed Mr. Beeson, telling of the methods he has used in

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