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# 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 percent is that kind of liquor."

### 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, in 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. Duran, '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 upstairs, 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. Charles W. Knapp.

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.

## 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 Coffee, 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.

The cast and synopsis of the play will be announced in the next few days, it was announced this afternoon. The pupils already have started on the production and the ticket sale will begin soon.

## 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 Knapke, Mrs. J. W. Meiners, Mrs. Ed Whitright, Miss Vereen 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 to 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 under nourished school children. Many school children are fed daily in Adams county by

means of the Society, it was learned

in progress at that time.

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## RADIO HERO



## SHORT SESSION HELD BY COUNCIL TUESDAY EVENING

### Routine Matters Disposed Of; Third Street Orna- mental 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 Haugk, 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.

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. 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.

## 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.

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 Glendening, 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. Mazel, Calvin Steury, Herbert Hawkins, Robert L. Bryan, Eli M. Schwartz, Robert Studler, David V. Gruber, Caleb Habegger, Albert E. Steury, Reuben L. Habegger, Simon M. Schwartz, Franklin C. Mazel, Martin Habegger, Solomon Elcher, Walter Amstutz, Floyd Rupert and Herman Patterson.

According to the cost records kept by the boys, the cost of producing one bushel of corn ranged from 32.1 cents to 50.7 cents, the average being 37.7 cents. Of course, it is to be remem-

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## Lloyd Heller Resigns Principalship 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 Hold- ers 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.