

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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# WORK BEGUN ON PLAN TO AID FARMERS

## CALVIN STEURY WINS ONE-ACRE CORN CONTEST

Monroe Twp. Boy Scores  
Highest In Club Con-  
ducted In County

## WABASH TOWNSHIP YOUTH IS SECOND

Calvin Steury, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Steury of Monroe township, has the honor of earning the highest grade in the one-acre corn club conducted in Adams county this year, according to information just released by L. M. Busche, county agent. Calvin's acre was located in a field through which Blue Creek passes, the soil being of the black, waxy, fertile kind found in that vicinity. It will be remembered that Calvin's yield of 115.9 bushels was second only to that of Lawrence Blum, whose yield of 119.7 bushels led the contestants of the county. The fact that Calvin showed a 10-acre sample in the county club show which ranked 16th, in a class of 44, that his record was fifth among all those graded and that his cost of producing the corn was comparatively low, although not the lowest, bears out the fact, that in order to win in the contest, the member must place consistently high in all divisions of the contest.

Robert L. Bryan, a 14-year-old Wabash township boy, was second. Robert's 10-acre sample placed fifth in the county show. His record book was seventh and his yield ranked eighth in the county. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Bryan, and attends Geneva high school.

The third highest grade was made

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## GOOD FELLOWS CLUB

Be A Good Fellow And Help Pro-  
vide A Merry Christmas  
For The Kiddies.

Donations to the Good Fellows Club, sponsored by the Delta Theta Tau sorority for the purpose of providing Christmas cheer for the unfortunate children of the city, will close this evening. After the cash contributions had been totalled at noon today, it was found that \$17.34 had been dropped into the boxes since yesterday, making the grand total of cash donations, \$36.98. Several substantial donations were received today, including a ton of coal from the E. L. Carroll & Son company. The Smith and Bell Lumber company gave \$5, and the office girls of the Cloverleaf Creameries company gave \$4. Santa Claus will distribute the gifts to the children Thursday evening. Today cash contributions were:

Previous total .....	\$269.74
Smith & Bell .....	5.00
Cloverleaf Creamery office girls .....	4.00
C. J. Lutz .....	3.00
Women of Mooseheart Legion .....	2.50
Gladys Thompson .....	.50
Friend .....	2.34
Total .....	\$286.98

## DAIRY SCHOOL WELL ATTENDED

Total Attendance At Meet-  
ings Held In Berne Last  
Week Is 774

Final count made by those in charge of the "Dairy Feeds and Feeding School," held at Berne, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week shows there was a total attendance of 774 at the six meetings. Much interest was shown in the dairy talks made by Mr. G. A. Williams, of Purdue, and in other features of the programs.

The final meeting Friday evening brought out more than two hundred people, who heard Mr. Williams' lecture "Building Up the Dairy Herd." After the meeting, refreshments in the form of ice cream sandwiches were

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Annual Municipal Christmas Tree Program To Be Held Here This Evening

The annual Municipal Christmas Tree program will be held in this city this evening under the auspices of the Woman's club at 5 o'clock. The program will be held in Liberty Way where a large tree was erected this afternoon.

The lighting effects of the tree were placed there by M. J. Mylott and his city electricians. The tree will remain intact until after the holidays.

## BULLETS KILL FIVE IN CHICAGO

Two Men, Cronies for Three  
Score Years, Quarrel  
And End It All

Chicago, Dec. 23.—(United Press)—The friendship of two old cronies, both past three score years, was blasted by the crash of bullets and both are dead today.

Three other persons were shot to death last night, bringing Chicago's gun toll to five in the last 12 hours.

Peter J. Furlong, 65, and Harry Van Middeworth, 63, had been friends of long standing. They served together in Chicago's police force until age compelled them to retire. Then both of them obtained positions as night watchmen in the Central Trust company of Illinois, the bank of which Vice-President Charles G. Dawes was recently president.

But last night they quarreled and Middeworth knocked Furlong down with his fist. Furlong, enraged, drew his revolver and fired. His old crony fell dead, under a statue of General Pershing that Dawes had placed in the lobby of the bank.

Then, in remorse, Furlong sent another bullet into his own head and fell dead beside his friend. Families of the two men were at a loss to explain the incident, declaring that the two men had never quarreled before.

War Against Hi-Jackers  
And Rum Runners Planned

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23.—(United Press)—Secretary of State Frederick Schorlemmer today announced plans for carrying on the war against rum runners and hi-jackers in Indiana.

In connection with his plan, Schorlemmer named Orville Wright, of Marion, co-ordinating officer between the license and state police bureaus of the secretary of state department.

While Wright's duties will be those of law enforcing officer, the greater part of his work will be confined to the apprehension of rum runners, hi-jackers and automobile thieves.

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Preaching At Evangelical  
Church This Evening

At 7:15 o'clock, this evening, the Rev. F. C. Berger, of Fort Wayne, will preach at the First Evangelical church of this city. Following the preaching service, the quarterly conference session will be held. The entire membership and friend are invited and urged to attend. Every member of the quarterly conference should be present.

Killing Frost Predicted  
To Strike Florida Tonight

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 23.—(United Press)—A killing frost which may

cause thousands of dollars damage to truck gardens and citrus growers is predicted for Tampa and vicinity tomorrow morning by the United States Weather Bureau.

The present "cool wave" which has gripped northern and parts of southern Florida will become more intensive within the next 24 hours, according to the weather bureau.

The official thermometer registered

41 degrees in Tampa at 7:40 a.m., but

because of the wind and over-hanging

clouds there was very little frost. At

Jacksonville the mercury registered

30 and Pensacola 24 degrees above

zero.

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## ATTEMPT MADE TO ROB OFFICE

Bandit Flees From Kocher  
Coal Office When Man-  
ager Cails Police

"Get out of here and hurry, we'll take care of this joint," said a big rough looking fellow to Fred Sellemyer, manager of the coal yard for the Kocher company, last evening about 5:30 o'clock, as Mr. Sellemyer was cleaning up his desk preparatory to going home.

He looked like he meant business and no doubt did for he walked to the door to call a partner. As he did so Mr. Sellemyer took down the telephone receiver and as the girl at central called "number," he yelled, "Send the police, send the police, send the police."

The man at the door heard him and ran over to meet his pal and, after a moment's talk, hurried on down the railroad track. Police Chief Reynolds got the message from the telephone central and appeared at the office in a few moments.

There was no sign of the bandits, but the officer walked home with Mr. Sellemyer, who was rather nervous over his near encounter.

It is believed the men had planned to rob the office as the one who made the demand entered through a back door and slipped up to the desk before he was noticed.

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Gas Fumes Inhaled Four  
Weeks Ago Cause Death

Frankfort, Ind., Dec. 23.—(United Press)—Gas fumes inhaled more than four weeks ago today were blamed for the death of Mrs. Aletha Wilds, 84. The woman has been in a serious condition since she was found overcome by fumes from a coal stove at her home.

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JAMES PARRISH  
DIES LAST NIGHT

Native Of Adams County  
Expires At Home Of Son  
In Clarksburg, W. Va.

James T. Parrish, aged about 74, a native of this county, died last night at the home of his son, Jacob Parrish 421 Broadway, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Mr. Parrish was a brother of the late Joshua R. Abner and Joel Parrish, and lived here until about

thirty years ago, when he moved to Gas City. Later, he went to Ham-

mond and from there, a number of

years ago, to Greensburg, Pa., where

he has lived a number of years, the

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Four Firemen Killed  
When Wall Collapses

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It wiped out fifty business con-

cerns in the Downey House and Gross-

man building.

Damages were estimated at a million

dollars.

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## U. S. And Mexico Sign Anti-Smuggling Treaty

Washington, Dec. 23.—(United

Press)—Secretary of State Kellogg and

Mexican Ambassador Manuel C. Tellez

here today signed for their nations an

an anti-smuggling treaty and an extra-

ditional convention.

The treaty has special

reference to rum and narcotics smug-

gling and the convention was signed

to facilitate mutual extradition of fugi-

tives from justice.

## DELAY ALMOST COSTLY

Tardiness in renewing his fire insurance policy almost proved costly to Amos Brubaker, owner of the two-story building in Ohio City, Ohio, which was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. The insurance policy was renewed on Monday, the day before the fire occurred. Had the fire occurred one day sooner, there would have been no insurance on the building.

The insurance policy expired last Saturday and there was no insurance on the building from Saturday until Monday afternoon. A representative of the insurance agency stated that the building was insured for less than half of its estimated value.

## GRAIN PRICES JUMP UPWARD

Sensational Spurts Made On  
Chicago Board Of Trade;  
Wheat In Van

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Sensational spurs were made by grain prices on the Chicago Board of Trade today with wheat in the van. December wheat, new crop, made an overnight gain of 9 1/4 c, opening at \$1.76 1/2 a bushel.

December wheat, old opened at \$1.73 1/2, a gain of 9 1/4 cents.

May wheat, new, gained 6 1/2 cents and May wheat, old, registered a gain of 7 1/4 c. July wheat jumped five cents.

Corn gained from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 and oats made fractional gains.

The government wheat report, made late yesterday, showing a substantial decrease over expectation, caused the big bulge.

Riotous scenes were enacted in the first half hour of trading, when shouting, screaming, gesticulating brokers fought to execute orders. The volume of trading in the first 15 minutes was the largest in the history of the board.

Many traders, caught "short" of the market, were forced to take enormous losses in their efforts to cover their commitments.

Prices sagged at the end of the first hours, drops up to 4 1/4 cents being registered.

## Boy Severely Burned While Playing Santa Claus At Celebration

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 23.—(United Press)—Oris McLaughline, 15, today is suffering from severe burns sustained when he was playing Santa Claus at a school celebration near here.

The cotton trimmings of the lad's costume became ignited from a candle on a Christmas tree and before the blaze could be extinguished his suit had been burned from his body.

A short circuit, caused when a boulder fell on an electric conduit, started the blaze.

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## Pioneer Of Northern Indiana Dies Today

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 23.—(United Press)—Jackson Evans, 90, Civil War veteran and pioneer settler of northern Indiana is dead today.

Evans is said to have been the first white man to have built a house in River Park, now a part of South Bend.

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