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Drive carefully, don't take chances on skidding, you may spoil Christmas for yourself and others.

Christmas events start this afternoon with the lighting of the Municipal tree. The Yuletide season is at hand.

Be careful with your Christmas tree lighting, watch the candles in the windows, its fine to do these things but its also a good time not to forget that care is needed to avoid fires and the terrible results.

The Good Fellows Club is closing today and you will have to make your contribution at once if you wish to be in on this annual co-operative effort to provide a Merry Christmas for every poor boy and girl in the community. We are happy to say that the campaign has again been a success.

Congress voted dry yesterday by a vote of 139 to 17, first test for some time and sufficiently decided to cause those who have had hopes of beer and light wines to forget it for the present. The vote was on a proposed amendment to eliminate prohibition agents and was offered by a dry member of the lower house.

We are glad our old friend, Richard H. Hartford, well-known Portland attorney, escaped from the burning block at Portland yesterday and sincerely hope he will suffer no serious consequences from his experience. Dick is one of the ablest lawyers in eastern Indiana, a mighty good fellow and has a wide circle of admiring friends in Adams county.

Frank A. Munsey, great newspaper owner and publisher, magazine editor, writer, business man, millionaire and independent, died yesterday after a short illness. He was the owner of seventeen valuable newspaper plants at one time but recently had disposed of all but the New York Sun and the Mail-Telegram. He had for weeks made an effort to secure the Chicago Daily News but was outbid by Illinois capitalists. Mr. Munsey was a typical American success, starting out without a dime and closing with millions in money and great power. He was a leader of the progressive movement a few years ago and had since that time, maintained his independence politically, predicting two new parties in the near future.

Portland suffered from her worst fire yesterday morning when the Weller Brothers four-story building burned to the ground within two hours. Their largest store, sixteen offices, the K. of P. hall and other business compartments were destroyed, the total loss being estimated at from half a million dollars to eight hundred thousand. The water pressure was low and the firemen could do nothing except fight to save surrounding property, which they did with slight loss other than the Weller building. At this season of the year when the stores are filled with Christmas goods and flimsy decorations, the greatest care is necessary and even then conflagrations seem unavoidable. Insurance is the only safe guard you have.

For many years we have witnessed in this country the phenomenon of pronounced population shifts from the rural districts to the cities.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

BAG GRAB BLAB
ONE NOT ERODE
AVENUE BRASSY
SIZES TANKS
LEW SON FEELS
L REGIONS SAT
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MAR STARTED P
BRIG ITS PER
BRINE LIBEL
TUBING MADAME
ATOMS RAW TIN
GENE BARN ETA

While this movement still may be in progress, the development of semi-rural environment has been carried to the place where the big cities of the first magnitude are now growing seemingly no more rapidly than are the small cities and large towns, and we even may be on the threshold of a reaction from the traditional suburban migration. From the most complete and reliable source of building information available in this country, it is found that during the first nine months of the current year, the 25 leading cities of the country, in point of housing construction, enjoyed a building gain of about 17 per cent over the same period of 1924. From the same authority it is learned that 344 cities and towns, exclusive of the metropolises, showed a combined increase of substantially the same percentage. Included in this list of 344 centers were some places with only a few thousand population. While these figures are not conclusive, they are enough to the point to arouse the interest of the student of current economic conditions, and to justify the hope that the small town is beginning to come into its own.—Thrift Magazine.

Big Features of RADIO Programs Today

WEDNESDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES
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KDKA, East Pittsburgh, 309, 8:30 p.m. (EST)—Princeton Triangle Club
WJZ, New York, 454, 8:30 p. m. (EST)—Hunter College concert.
CNRO, Ottawa, 436, 9 p. m. (EST)—McLeod Street Church choir.
WEAF and hookup, 10 p.m. (EST) Roxy and his gang.
KFRU, Columbia, Mo., 500, 8 p.m. (CST)—Concert.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 23, 1905—Democrats nominated J. W. Vizard for representative; J. T. Merryman, judge; H. B. Heller, prosecutor; J. P. Haefling, clerk; J. F. Lachot, treasurer; H. S. Steele, recorder; Eli Meyers, sheriff; L. L. Baumgartner, surveyor; J. C. Grandstaff, coroner; G. W. Gentis, assessor and William Miller and Martin Laughlin, commissioners.
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Adams leave for visit at Flint, Michigan.
Dr. Roy Archbold and family are at Toledo for Christmas.
Miss Lizzie Peterson is visiting at Lancaster, Ohio.
The Henry Buhlmann ditch in Root township is sold to Henry Heckman and John Mayer.
Slight fall of snow arrives in time for Santa Claus.

CALVIN STEURY WINS ONE-ACRE CORN CONTEST

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by Lawrence Blum, 14, who attends the Berne high school, he being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blum, of Monroe township. His yield was the highest recorded in the county, his ten ear sample placed 18th, and his cost of production was fairly low.

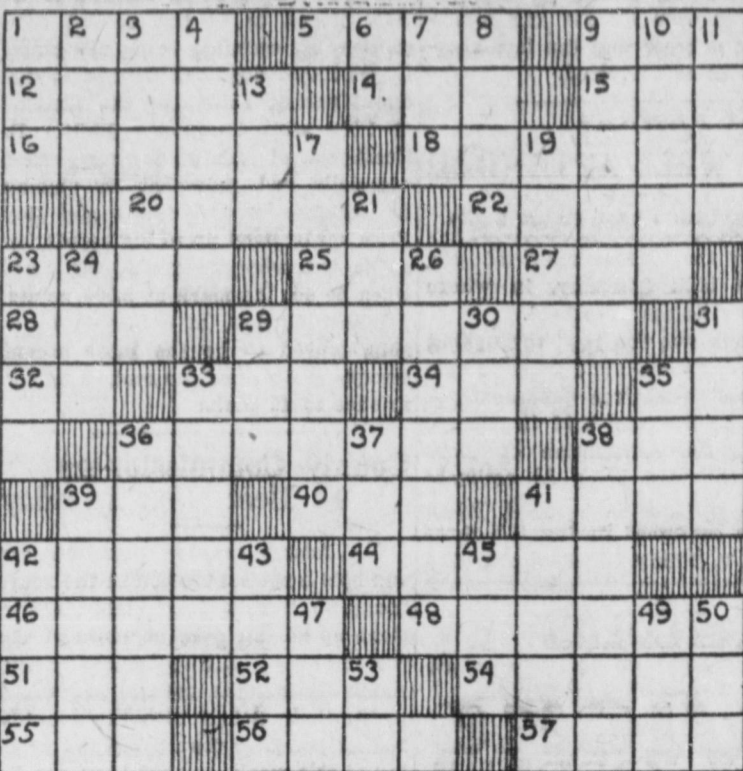
Martin Habegger, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Habegger of Monroe

FRED W. SHELL

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DAILY DEMOCRAT CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



- Horizontal.
- 1—Role
 - 2—Circular piece of wood
 - 3—Large snake
 - 4—Concerning
 - 5—Watering place
 - 6—Hastened
 - 7—To snare again
 - 8—Bodyguard
 - 9—To loosen a knot
 - 10—Footwear
 - 11—To annex
 - 12—To make lace
 - 13—To move
 - 14—Correct (abbr.)
 - 15—Ember
 - 16—Grass rug
 - 17—Preposition
 - 18—King
 - 19—Small portion
 - 20—Cat's prey
 - 21—Water fowl
 - 22—Subterfuge
 - 23—Electrical sound-carrying device
 - 24—Preliminary dish served as appetizer
 - 25—Long for
 - 26—One, in a deck of cards
 - 27—To arrest
 - 28—Bolt of metal
 - 29—Prefix meaning "through"
 - 30—Journey
 - 31—Permits, or allows
- Vertical.
- 1—Equal
 - 2—Rounded out
 - 3—Rotates
 - 4—To open (poet.)
 - 5—Path through mountains
 - 6—Thinks moodily
 - 7—Rowed
 - 8—Same as 25 horizontal
 - 9—A ewer
 - 10—To sing in a monotone
 - 11—To consume
 - 12—Lumber
 - 13—Kind of hay
 - 14—Venomous snake
 - 15—Rowing implement
 - 16—To groan
 - 17—Yellowish resin
 - 18—Beverage
 - 19—Spring church holiday
 - 20—To knock gently
 - 21—To turn quickly from a course
 - 22—Stupid student
 - 23—Gastropod with a spiral shell
 - 24—To harvest
 - 25—Dispatched
 - 26—Over (poet.)
 - 27—Auditory organ
 - 28—Meshed fabric
 - 29—Roadways (abbr.)
 - 30—Prefix meaning "two"

Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

LIFE
Life is a mystery, all of man's history
Tells us but little of how it began
All earth can show of it
All we can know of it
Give scarce a hint of its purpose
Life is not altered by what men
Have guessed of it
He is the wisest who just makes the best of it.
What does it matter to tailor or hatter,
Butcher or baker or truckman who drive
How it all started?
Clear-eyed and warm-hearted
(Copyright 1925 Edgar A. Guest)

township, was fourth, he having submitted a record book ranking 16th, his show sample placing 12th, and his yield being surpassed by only 5 other members. Martin also entered the mens' five-acre corn contest with a plot located in the same field and won second place with a yield of 99 bushels.

Clifford Simons, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Simons, of Wash township, was fifth. He ranked fourth in the contest in point of yield, showed the fourth best 10-ear sample, but a relatively high cost of production prevented him from placing higher.

The five winning boys named above will receive free trips to the Purdue Club Roundup, to be held during the first week of next May.

The following members deserve special mention for having placed among the first ten: Simon Schwartz, Eli M. Schwartz, Benjamin D. Mazelin, Franklin C. Mazelin, and Solomon Eicher. Twenty other members who are "in the money" and will receive small cash premiums are named below, although not in order of the grades they made: Eldred Shifferly, Herbert Hawkins,

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JAMES PARRISH DIES LAST NIGHT

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avenue, of that city. He had been in declining health for a year past and some weeks ago went to Clarksburg where he died.
The funeral services will be held at Clarksburg tomorrow afternoon. The widow, three sons and a daughter, and one sister, Mrs. Greene Merriman, of Kansas, survive. The announcement of his death was received in a telegram by a nephew, John W. Parrish, of this city, this morning.

Nine Masses To Be Said At Catholic Church Tomorrow

Masses at St. Mary's Catholic church on Christmas day will be held at five, seven-thirty and nine-forty-five. The first mass and the one at nine forty-five will be solemn high masses. Holy Communion will be distributed at the first mass and at the seven-thirty mass. There will be six other masses said during the morning, also, priests being granted the privilege of saying three masses on Christmas day.

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Death Casts Gloom Over Poor Farm Holiday Plans

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 23. —(United Press)—The shadow of death today cast a gloom over plans for the holiday celebration for the inmates of the Montgomery poor farm.
Arrangements for the annual Christmas tree and exchange of gifts among inmates were abandoned following the death of Samuel Ham, 72.
All of the inmates will give of what little money they have for purchasing flowers for Ham.

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Former State Prison Physician.
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Dozen
42c and 29c
Raisins, Seeded or
Seedless,
Package 12c
NUTS, Fresh New Crop
Mixed Nuts, lb. 29c
Eng. Walnuts, lb. 33c
Almonds, lb. 33c
Filberts, lb. 33c
Brazilis, lb. 25c
Dates,
5 oz. pkg., 3 for 25c
Figs,
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Jello, all flavors 25c
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