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Good-bye old 1925.

Here comes the youngster, '26, and we wonder what joys he has in his old gift bag for all of us.

Get ready to write it 1926. At midnight tonight the whistles and bells will announce the arrival of the youngster. What the new year holds for all of us depends after all very much on our own efforts.

We have one of the most wonderful communities you will find anywhere, made up of the right kind of folks and the finest thing in it is the splendid get-together spirit with a "live and let live" policy. Let's not let up on it the coming year.

The Daily Democrat today starts the annual campaign for the renewal of mail subscriptions and we are anxious that our big family of readers arrange to renew as soon as they can conveniently and thus assist us in publishing a newspaper of greatest benefit to all.

The old year may have had its haps and mishaps, its days of gloom and its season of bad weather but it had on its best dress today—an ideal winter costume—with the sun shining brightly and the thermometer registering just about the right temperature for a December day in Indiana.

The outlook for the coming year is excellent with several projects in sight that should help. The city is prosperous as a municipality and everybody is working. There are no empty houses here and there is a demand for a hundred new homes. Indications are that a number of residences will be erected the coming year and that there will be a greater stir of business activities than for some time. We can all aid the cause in some way and we can all help to make 1926 a great year.

Mail service by bus lines south from Fort Wayne to Portland through this county seems probable, recommendation to that effect having been made by Mr. McChesney, of Cleveland, assistant superintendent of railway mail service. It would prove a very convenient improvement for since the change in service on the G. R. & I., Decatur, Berne, Monroe, Geneva and Bryant have been greatly hampered in handling mail. The people of this section will appreciate any improvement in the present service.

A number of the larger cities are providing "no horse" streets, which means that horse drawn vehicles cannot travel over those streets. Trucks are crowding the Percherons and Belgians back to the country and each year will find the number of these animals which a few years ago were so useful, growing less, while the power driven trucks increase in numbers. Los Angeles, Washington, and other cities have already started the campaign.

Mrs. Lucinda Bowman, 86, shortened her life by pipe smoking. She got up in the night at the soldier's home at Lafayette and lighted her pipe. The blanket in which she wrapped herself took fire and she died from fright and shock. The anti-tobacco faddists will probably send a marked copy to President Coolidge and Vice-President Dawes, both of whom have recently been victims of their efforts to sign a

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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PLAIN TOILS
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TAGS ONE STOA
ARE STEWS SUN
ME PEEWEES TO
EERNS RAIL D
DINED TRADE

pledge to quit the use of tobacco.

Business men should not only sign the petition to the senators and congressmen, favoring the law to prohibit the use of the mails for the sale of unsolicited merchandise but should write them personally. Its a nuisance and an unfair business practice that ought to be stopped. Of course when you receive a bunch of neckties or some other article which you have not ordered you don't have to keep them but you do have to go to the trouble of returning them or subject yourself to a lot of sharp abuse. The men who conduct such a business don't have any interest in your local affairs, don't aid in way to keep things moving and have only one desire, to sell cheap goods at a profit.

Big Features Of RADIO Programs Today

Thursday's Five Best Radio Features (Copyright 1925 by United Press)
WEAF, and hookup, 9 p. m. (EST)—9 p. m. (CST)—"Passing of 1925."
WOAW, Omaha, 526—1 a. m. (CST)—Pacific Coast program.
WOS, Jefferson City, 441, 9 p. m. (CST)—Old Time Fiddlin' contest.
KGO, Oakland, 361—8 p. m. (PST)—KGO players.
KIP, Philadelphia, 508—11 p. m. (EST)—Civic celebration of New Year's Eve.

CONGRESS ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(United Press)
House
Committee preparing report on investigation of charges against Vice President Calhoun.
Senate
Not in session.

CONGRESS TODAY

Not in session.

Letters Missing From Files Of W. G. Harding

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 31. — (United Press)—George H. Van Fleet, editor of the Marion Star, today declined to elaborate on his editorial of yesterday, in which he revealed that letters were missing from the late President Harding's personal files upon their arrival here from the White House, shortly after the Harding funeral August 1, 1923.

Van Fleet's editorial, intended to counteract criticism of several newspapers over the fact that Mrs. Harding had burned much of the president's correspondence, caused a profound sensation here. Not even the officials of the Harding Memorial executive committee, knew the letters were missing. They expressed astonishment but declined to comment.

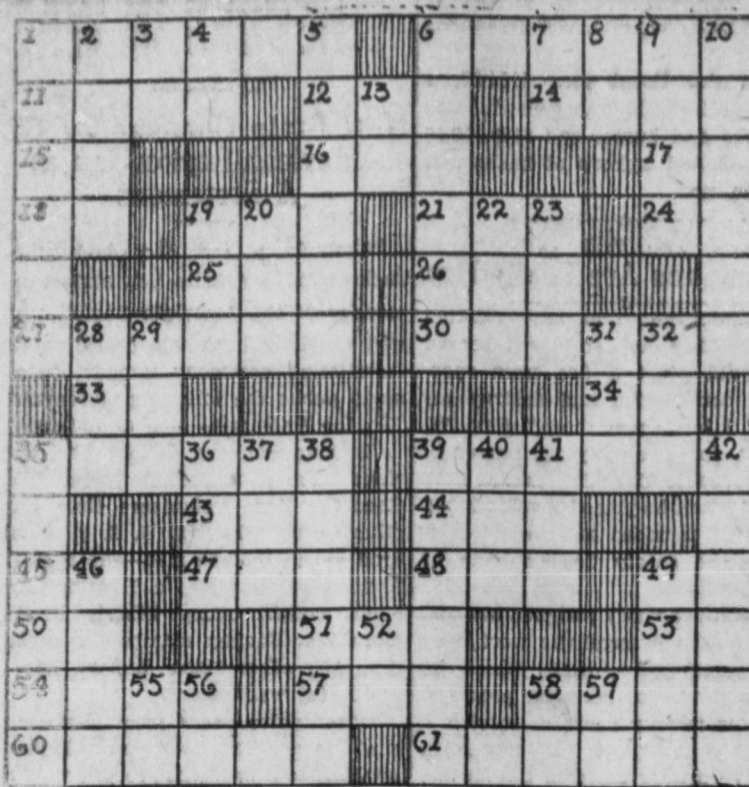
The nature of the correspondence which the editorial intended to charge was removed from the files in Washington remains a mystery. Who took the letters or why they were taken is left by Van Fleet for conjecture.

Employee Retired On Pension At Age Of 80; Never Missed Day's Work

Napanea, Ind., Dec. 31. — (United Press)—John Eshenbaugh, 80, for more than 46 years an employee of the Coppes Brothers and Zook Company, here, has been placed on the company's pension list. During his 46 years' employment Eshenbaugh never missed a single day and worked overtime enough to gain an additional year.

NOTICE
I will not be responsible for any debts incurred by my wife, Nettie Van Gurider, who left me without cause. Chauncey Van Gurider. 367-81x.

DAILY DEMOCRAT CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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| Horizontal.
1—King's dwelling
6—To fix in place
11—Narrow opening
12—To deface
16—The Eternal City
18—Like
19—Boy's name
17—Greek letter
13—Behold!
10—To make a mistake
21—Aeriform fluid
14—Land measure
25—To pull strenuously
38—To hasten
27—Wild and untamed
36—To journey
34—North America (abbr.)
34—Conjunction
35—To disappear
36—To bloom
45—Reverge
44—Having little elevation
45—Small coin (abbr.)
47—Kind of tree
48—Consumed
49—Before the Christian era (abbr.)
50—Preposition
51—Sea eagle
52—Old English (abbr.)
53—Dollar bills
57—Unit of work
58—At a later time
60—To buy back
61—Wandering | Vertical.
1—Hymns of praise
2—Too
3—Same as 18 horizontal
4—Preposition
5—To come into view
6—Terror
7—Snail (abbr.)
8—Preposition
9—Girl's name
10—Pertaining to a nerve
12—Boy's name
13—Greek letter
20—Small carpet
22—Atmosphere
23—Ocean
26—Collection of information
29—Large vehicle
31—A pledge
32—Before (poetic)
35—Winner
36—Jewish territorial organization
37—Ocean
38—A physician in India
39—A rim, used for a guide
40—Pieces of ground
41—To be indebted to
42—Of late origin
43—Quality of a sound
49—A favor
52—Railroad (abbr.)
56—Unit of work
56—Point of compass
58—Land measure
59—Same as 33 horizontal |
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Solutions will appear in next issue.



Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

What was it that you brought to earth
Who seemed so lively at your birth?
High hopes of fortune and delight,
Tinged with the knowledge that you might
Have hurt and sorrow in your train—
And now for you, death's final pain!
Old year, your course was that of ours,
May saw you dancing 'mid the flow'rs.
As once we danced our youth away,
What matter that we longer stay?
Not all the hopes which marked our birth
Have had fruition on the earth.
Some days were bleak and cold and gray,
Some deeds of ours have brought dismay.

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BUS LINES GET MUCH ATTENTION

Public Service Commission Spends Half Of Its Time With Industry

Indianapolis, Dec. 31. — (United Press)—Indiana's infant prodigy, the bus line industry, which for many months required the undivided attention of all members of the Indiana public service commission, has ceased its demands to some extent. Howell Ellis, secretary of the commission, said today.

At the present time, matters relating to the governing of the ever growing bus line systems of Indiana requires just about as much time as all other matters combined—or exactly one-half of the commission's time.

During the last nine months, or since April 1, when the new law went into effect, more than 350 bus lines have been granted certificates authorizing them to operate over the highways of this state, Ellis said.

In order to establish this number of lines, the members of the commission, the secretary and all of the field examiners were required to conduct hearings in approximately 700 cases.

Many of these hearings were long, drawn out affairs, Ellis explained and in many instances new hearings were requested and granted, necessitating the holding of great masses of data. And even today with lines established, which reach to practically every town with more than 500 population, in the state there is not a day passes

Joy was not always ours to know.
Some of our hopes have fallen low
And now you join death's caravan,
Sharing the destiny of man.
Man at the closing of his years
Has known both happy smiles and tears.
Failure and conquest, good and bad,
Not always brave, not always glad,
And yet he passes with the prayer,
Something of merit marks him there.
Old year, some see you at your worst,
You broke the dream they held at first.
Some call you friendly, some may sneer
And say you brought but misery here,
Yet none who ever comes to earth
Achieves the dreams which mark his birth.

that at least one petition effecting the lines is filed with the commission, the secretary pointed out.

Many of these petitions are for the establishment of new lines, while others are for authority to issue stock, increase rates, or to buy some other line.

Ellis says that he expects the present rush of business to continue for at least another year after which it will gradually decrease, and finally reach a stage where the bus lines will cause no more work for the commission than the traction and railroad lines.

During the coming year, however, the secretary of the commission expects that an average of at least two petitions each day will be filed effecting the state's "infant prodigy."

Two Professional Football Clubs Get Stiff Penalties

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31. — (United Press)—President Joseph F. Carr of the National Professional Football League, has meted out stiff penalties to the Milwaukee and Chicago clubs found guilty of violating league rules by permitting four Chicago high school boys to play in a game at Chicago December 10.

The Milwaukee club was fined \$500 and ordered to dispose of its franchise. In addition, Carr suspended the Pottsville, Pa., club from the league for violating the territory of the Philadelphia Yellow Jackets and assessed a fine of \$500.

The Milwaukee club is given ninety days in which to sell its franchise. Thereafter the charter will be automatically forfeited, Carr declared. In addition, the game, which was won by the Cardinals, has been stricken from the records.

Round-The-World Buick Makes Visit To Decatur

The Buick car which has just completed a trip around the world visited Decatur Wednesday, it was announced by W. D. Porter, local Buick dealer. The globe trotting Buick, according to Mr. Porter, circled the world entirely alone, without a permanent driver or mechanic. It made the trip in less time than that consumed by the Round-the-World Flyers. The car was passed from the hands of one Buick dealer to the next, entirely around its big circle—some 350 drivers driving it before it returned to New York, its official starting point.

The car, a Standard Six touring model, also completed the trip without needing a repair or replacement of any part enroute, though it had the assurance of Buick Authorized Service during all of its journey. Every one of its nearly 20,000 land miles were within the sales and service territory of some Buick dealer.

The trip around the world was planned to demonstrate that a Buick will stand the driving of all kinds of drivers and the punishment of all kinds of roads. And that it can go clear out to the fringes of the earth and still be safeguarded by the overseas service facilities of Buick.

The only special preparation for the trip was the installation of two extra spare tires on the running boards—four spare tires altogether—and then the installation of supplementary oil, gasoline and water tanks also on the running boards. These were to carry supplies for the desert miles where filling stations are hundreds of miles apart instead of every few hundred yards.

An interesting fact about the Round-the-World Buick is that it is a right hand drive. Nearly all Buicks used overseas have the drive on the "starboard" side because overseas traffic reverses its position on the road keeping to the left rather than to the right. The right hand drive was an advantage to the car while it was passing through the hands of its drivers in the eastern hemisphere, but when it returned to America this turned out to be a considerable disadvantage. American drivers are accustomed to the left hand drive with right hand gear shifting.

Even the best drivers place a considerable strain on gears and clutch when they are forced to shift gears with their left hand and operate the clutch pedal in its unfamiliar position.

One of the most difficult parts of the trip was the long run completely across the continent of Australia. Many of the roads on this leg of the trip were impassable—mere sheep trails.

The globe-circling Buick, however, left the ship on which it came to Australia from Ceylon, one afternoon at Perth on the West Australian coast and was on its way bright and early the next morning for Melbourne nearly 2500 miles away on the east coast. Across the mountains and the Great

Victorian desert it had its schedule and arrived on the 11 in Melbourne, where it took ship for Hawaii.

Although the schedule laid down for the complete trip sometimes called for an average speed of miles an hour in order to catch a tug date and so arrive home in record time, it is worthy of note that a world-girdling Buick arrived on its 32nd day in every instance.

In its great circle the Buick has passed through England, the European Continent, Egypt, Syrian Desert, India, Ceylon, Australia and the Great Victorian Desert, Iraq, Canada and the United States.

Some idea of those of going encountered by the lone traveler may be gained from a plan of this letter written by the Buick dealer in Beirut who drove the car rough the Syrian Desert from Beirut Damascus and Bagdad.

"The road was terrible in places, being nothing more than a cart track strewn with large boulders. In the run over the Lebanon Mountains, the car climbed to a height of more than a mile. After spending the night at Damascus, the 540 to run to Bagdad was made at an average speed of 35 miles an hour."

At the completion of the Globe journey the Round-the-World Buick was met by thousands of Buick owners in New York City, who it headed a triumphant parade on Fifth Avenue and was welcomed by Mayor Hylan on the steps of the city hall.

After a few days' display in New York City, it resumed its contact with Buick dealers. Still unaccompanied, it is now visiting every one of the several thousand Buick dealers in the United States. It will add approximately 50,000 miles to the figures on its speedometer with the next twelve months.

ENTERTAIN AGENTS

Marcellus Miller, District Agent For Curtis Publishing Co., Gives Party For Boy Scouts.

One of the delightful parties of the season was held last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Miller, when their son, Marcellus, district agent for the Curtis Publishing Company, entertained his boy scouts at a business and social meeting.

The entertaining rooms were decorated in red and green and a large lighted Christmas tree in keeping with the holiday season.

Business was first taken care of and plans for a successful new year were made.

The boys were congratulated on the good work they are doing and prizes were awarded to George and Joseph Tricker and Joseph Straub for selling the most extra Christmas Journals. The boys were urged to work for promotion in the League of Curtis Salesmen, an organization of the more successful boy salesmen of the Curtis Publishing Company. Membership in the League is attained by successful

salesmanship, and good school records and character to meet the standards of the organization. Prizes were offered the boys first reaching their next degree in the organization.

The Company just recently appropriated a fund of \$250,000 to be loaned to League boys reaching the Graduate Degree in the League, to be used for their College education.

The social hour was spent in playing games and in several contests. Prizes were awarded to the following: in a word contest—first prize was won by James Burk, second by Richard Macklin and third by Harold Melch; in a peanut guessing contest, Joseph Tricker won the prize, and in a bean carrying contest the prize was won by Richard Macklin. The boys were all treated to candy, peanuts, popcorn balls and apples, after which they gave three rousing cheers for the host and his mother. Those present to enjoy the evening were James Burk, Richard Macklin, Edward Summers, Harold Melch, Richard Mallard, Joseph Straub, George and Joseph Tricker and Leo Miller.

Ford Squadron Planes Head South For Florida

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 31. — (United Press)—Three of the five planes in the Ford Squadron hopped off here Wednesday for Nashville, Tenn.

They are heading for Florida, where the Florida Airways corporation will operate an air line.

One plane, piloted by Lieut. Jack Harding of world flight fame flew directly from Gary, Ind., to Louisville, Ky., where it will join the others today. Harding was forced down by a snowstorm.

The fifth plane, downed at Deshler, Ohio, by a frozen gas line, will meet the others at Nashville. Major A. W. Robertson, flight commander, who occupied this plane, hopped off in one of the three to leave Dayton today. He motored from Deshler.

Jitney Bus Driver Held On Manslaughter Charge

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 31. — Jesse Brockway, 30, jitney bus driver, was held today on a charge of involuntary manslaughter for the death of Mrs. Amelia Beach, sister of Eugene Debs, Socialist leader.

Mrs. Beach was knocked to the pavement by a bus driven by Brockway and crushed to death by another bus following closely behind.

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