

HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

FARM CENTERS AROUSE COUNTY

Interest in Agricultural Work Gets Big Boost During Past Year by Organizations.

The closing week of the year 1915 finds a wider interest in agricultural work in St. Joseph county than has ever been known before. This interest is resulting in organizations in various parts of the county until now many communities have clubs, similar to the civic clubs of the city, that have become a necessary part of the life of the community. This community interest is growing until the prospects are that 1916 will see the formation of county-wide organizations towards which definite action had not seemed possible in years past.

The section of the county to take the latest organized interest in the work of rural betterment is Madison township, the extreme southwest township of the county. This is one of the most favored farming sections of the county and one where the effects of organized effort will be watched with interest. A five-day farm course was closed most successfully last Friday by County Agent Bordner. The enrollment during the week was 35 and the interest aroused was such that a longer course next month under a salaried teacher is practically assured. A farm course under the provisions of the vocational training law, such as the longer course would be, will be an innovation in the county and one which will insure other such courses in the near future.

Have Meeting Wednesday.

The Madison township community center, organized a month ago, is the newest such organization in the county and is at the same time one of the liveliest. The second program to be given by the organization will be held Wednesday night at the Madison township high school. The program is as follows:

Song, "Holy Night," music, Benditt orchestra; recitation, Clarence Birk; song, "Christmas Carol," Glee club; debate, "Resolved, That a common school education is sufficient for country life," Affirmative, Albert Strope, Charles Loucks; negative, Charles Schurr, Harold Seese; music, Benditt orchestra; recitation, Helen Birk; song, "Bull Dog," Glee club; lecture, "Social Problems," Clem Mochel; solo, Edna Geyer; paper, "Wide Awake," vocational school; song, Glee club; recitation, Calvin Hunsberger; business discussion; song, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," music, Benditt orchestra.

It is probable that the first county-wide farmers organization to be formed during the new year will be a cow testing association. A meeting was held last Wednesday for the purpose of discussing plans for such an organization but owing to a misunderstanding as to the date of the meeting there was not a large enough attendance to make definite action possible. A representative of the division of dairy husbandry of Purdue university was present at this meeting and explained the workings and benefits of such an organization. A representative of the division will be present also at another meeting to be held by the dairymen of the county within the next few weeks.

Interest in Stock Grows.

Because of the fact that the agricultural interests of the county are so varied it has been difficult to center the work of agricultural extension upon one interest. It is the opinion of County Agent Bordner that now, however, the farmers of the county can take concerted action in the work of animal husbandry inasmuch as the raising of better stock has come to be a matter of vital importance alike to the farmer and the dairyman. In recent months farmers generally throughout the county have been unusually interested in the possibilities of securing official cow testing and for this reason it is considered certain that a strong organization can be perfected and put in working order by early spring.

There are a few farmers in the county now who are attempting to eliminate loss in milk production by making private tests of their cows. This method has worked out to the benefit of some but the general opinion has come to be that only through the aid of experts representing the state organization for agricultural extension can the most profitable results be attained. The work of the state organization has shown that the average yearly production of butter fat in the state is only 150 pounds and that cows producing no more than this amount are not profitable to their owners. Breeders of pure bred cattle are anxious for a testing association and their membership results in reducing the cost to the other members.

It is the opinion of agricultural experts who have visited this county that it is one of the best dairy counties in the state and that in many other farm lines it could be placed nearer the lead. The recent county life conference held at the court house indicated that interest along all lines of farming is such that state and federal aid will accomplish much more during the next year than during any previous year.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Carson of Navarre pl. entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Sunday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Whittecar and son Shariun of Buffalo, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Workinger and son Orban of Elkhart.

Political Gossip

Petitions to place the name of Charles Warren Fairbanks on the Indiana primary ballot, March 7, as a republican candidate for the presidency, have been received here, signed and returned to the republican state committee at Indianapolis. Those who circulated the papers reported the ex-vice president in high favor in this vicinity.

Whether owing to the fact they consider the older heads converted to the man rather than the party idea, or because strength in numbers is the slogan, efforts are being made throughout the county to organize the younger vote for the republican party. Several South Bend young men are being sought by state candidates in hopes they will take up work along this line in St. Joseph county.

W. W. Spencer, democrat; Wm. H. Thompson, republican, and W. A. Bastian, progressive, have been named by Gov. Samuel Ralston as a committee to "construct, explain and define the meaning of the new primary election law" to the end that mistakes and confusions may be avoided when it comes time to use the instrument. These names were suggested to the governor by chairmen of the respective parties, at Ralston's request some weeks ago. Reports from the committee will be received by the governor and the state chairmen and published broadcast.

Edwin M. Lee, in order to serve as state progressive chairman, under the new primary law, has resigned as a member of the board of trustees of the reformatory at Jeffersonville. Gov. Ralston has appointed Thomas A. Dailey as his successor.

John S. Shanklin of Frankfort is Clinton county's candidate for republican delegate to the national convention from the ninth Indiana district. At a meeting of the republican workers a unanimous endorsement was given Shanklin's candidacy. A letter commending him to the republicans of the district was sent out by Chairman Boulden.

Among the speakers at the annual "dollar dinner" of the Delaware County Democratic club to be held in Muncie, Dec. 28, will be Sen. John W. Kern, John A. M. Adair, congressman from the eighth district and candidate for governor; Judge J. J. Moran of the state appellate court, and Jacob Denny, judge of the Jay county circuit court and prospective candidate for the congressional nomination from the eighth district to succeed Adair. This will be the eighth annual dinner of the club.

John Adair's latest political move—the governorship race—has simplified a grand rush down in the eighth district for the democratic nomination for representative. At least five candidates for Adair's seat in congress have already been placed before the party leaders as sincere aspirants, and while no discordant note is expected as a result of the primary, eighth district leaders are using the proverbial ironing out process to good effect. Milt Retherford, manufacturer and secretary of the Delaware county central committee; Edward Tuhey, ex-mayor of Muncie, and Jesse White, Delaware county sheriff, are being given most favorable mention, especially in Delaware county. Then there is Judge Denny of Portland and Manor Mellett of Anderson to be considered, besides several others who have already thrown a tentative bonnet into the circle.

Chase S. Osborn has placed a proviso in his heralded desire to be Michigan's choice, as well as the choice of delegations from other states, for the republican presidential nomination. As the matter now stands, Chase S. will be a candidate only should Sen. William Alden Smith of Grand Rapids decide against the presidential project, and Smith's friends seem to think this is hardly possible.

That the name of Sen. Smith will appear on the Michigan primary ballot is a statement from Lansing, and speaking relative to this fact, Rep. Pat Kelly, who boosted Fred Warner into the Michigan gubernatorial chair the other day, has boosted into the same position by Warner, has much to say in favor of the Grand Rapids man. Kelly thinks Smith the one best republican bet—but of course that is what Kelly thinks.

"The candidacy of Harry S. New for the republican senatorial nomination is receiving some severe jolts in the 12th district," says the Bluffton Banner. "A New special" was run to Lagrange Friday to attend a republican love feast. A poll was taken of 20 'New supporters' on the train, and the vote resulted as follows: Watson, 11; Robinson, 5; New, 4. A Fort Wayne newspaper in speaking of the feeling in the 12th district says: 'If Col. Harry S. New doesn't get any more support from the other districts of the state than he does in the 12th, he is going to run a mighty poor third.' The voters of the 12th are considerably wrought up over the effort of Judge Olds to dictate where his individual support should go upon his withdrawal. But the New candidacy is a joke from start to finish and the republicans over the state so regard it."

COUNTY POOR ARE REMEMBERED

St. Vincent de Paul Society Makes Annual Visit to Infirmary.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul society and representatives of St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's churches to the number of 32 made their annual holiday visit to the county infirmary Sunday morning. Following mass, which was read in the chapel at 9 o'clock by Rev. John F. De Groote, gifts of fruit, candy and cigars were distributed among the 110 men and women now in the institution.

At the mass a mixed choir of 20 voices from the choir of both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's churches gave a beautiful musical program and Fr. DeGroote preached a Christmas sermon. The parlors, dining and recreation rooms were beautifully decorated for the holidays with branches of cedar, and is both the men's and women's ward was a large, prettily decorated tree, from the base of which the gifts were distributed. The St. Vincent de Paul society makes not only an annual visit to the infirmary, but on the fourth Sunday of each month a delegation from the society accompanies a priest who reads mass in the little chapel. For years it has made a practice of distributing gifts among the inmates on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's.

HIBERNIANS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Rev. DeGroote Made Chaplain and Daniel Kelley, President, at Annual Meeting.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected yesterday afternoon by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The meeting was a largely attended one. The annual report was read and approved and resolutions on the death of the late Michael Sullivan were adopted. William P. Cass and John J. Hayes were appointed to arrange for a joint installation of officers to be held with the Ladies' auxiliary on Sunday, Jan. 9.

SLEEPS ON R. R. TRACK

Jacob Mierucha Severely Cut by Freight Engine.

Jacob Mierucha was severely cut about the head and face early Sunday morning from contact with a freight engine at the Arnold street crossing of the Grand Trunk railroad. According to Officer Chesur, who arrested him on an intoxication charge, Mierucha was sleeping in the road with his head but a few inches from the rail.

Mierucha had a large gash on the top of his head about two inches long. He was attended at the police station by Dr. Earl Wagner, and afterwards released on bonds for his appearance in city court this morning.

LODGE TO CELEBRATE

Maccabees to Observe 30th Anniversary Wednesday.

The 30th anniversary of the South Bend tent, No. 1, Maccabees, will be held Wednesday evening at Beyer hall on E. Wayne st., when 25 charter members of the tent will take an active part in the entertainment. An important feature of the entertainment will be an exhibition drill given by the first degree team of the tent showing the manner in which the degree work was conferred when the tent was in its infancy. A banquet will be served to the members following the entertainment. Short talks and special music will be on the program for the evening.

SHOOTS AT BURGLAR

Would-Be Robber Frightened Away at Home of Archie Parker.

A burglar attempted to gain entrance to the home of Archie Parker, 424 S. Lafayette st., early Christmas morning, but was frightened away by Mr. Parker before he was able to get inside the house. Mr. Parker fired two shots, one of which hit the burglar in the arm. He fled in return at Mr. Parker, but both shots missed.

BROTHERS VISIT N. D.

Teachers of De Lasalle Institute are at University.

Brothers Lawrence and Leonard of the Christian Brothers, and teachers in DeLasalle institute in Chicago, are spending a few days at Notre Dame. They came to the university with Brother Peter, formerly of South Bend, and now the principal of Holy Trinity high school in Chicago. Bro. Otto, traveling solicitor for the Ave Maria in the northern states is also spending the holidays at the university.

STEALS GUM MACHINE

Some of the local members of the profession of thieves refused to take a vacation Christmas. Instead of taking advantage of the holiday to rest up for a busy winter, one member of the profession thought up a new one and put it into execution while the rest of the city was celebrating.

A gum machine which hung in front of the Haswell Coffee ranch, 133 N. Michigan st., was the object picked out as a suitable object worthy to be stolen on Christmas day. The machine contained about a dollar in pennies, and enough gum to keep the stenographers in the J. M. S. building supplied for the rest of the year.

EMPLOY CAESARIAN OPERATION AT BIRTH

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Hamilton, 1534 Lincoln way W. at the Epworth hospital late Saturday night. A successful Caesarian operation was performed by Dr. Edgar H. Myers, assisted by Dr. Charles Stoltz. At 2 o'clock this morning, the hospital reported that Mrs. Hamilton's condition was fairly good. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the police force, being one of the night patrolmen.

SCHIFF SENDS \$2,000.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Mortimer L. Schiff has sent to the prefect of police of Paris \$2,000 to assist the mothers and children of soldiers at the front.

Water power is used to produce electricity in Switzerland to such an extent that in some towns not an ounce of coal is burned.

EXPECT DELAY IN BIG LEGISLATION

National Defense and Additional Revenue to Be Subject of Hot Fights.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The conviction that the vital provisions in the administration legislative program—national defense and additional revenue—are to be long delayed and subjected to a cross fire of vicious criticism is becoming fixed among Washington leaders. Legislative consideration of these issues will be far out of sight when congress reconvenes on Jan. 4, and months of weary battles in committee rooms and in both senate and house will precede their enactment into law. The two weeks of congressional sittings prior to the holiday recess were spent in organization, political jockeying and in passing the revenue fight. Congressional leaders are convinced that much more time will be wasted before the big proposals of the administration are reached.

Only two big legislative matters will be out of committee and ready for consideration by congress when it reconvenes. These are: The land mortgage bank bill framed by the joint committee appointed by the last congress to consider rural credit legislation. The so-called conservation program of the administration.

The land mortgage bank bill has been completed by a sub-committee and is expected to be passed on to both houses of the congress by the full committee to a meeting Jan. 23. The measure provides a general scheme of land loan banking modeled somewhat after the present federal reserve banking system. It will meet some vigorous opposition in both house and senate. Another measure providing for personal rural credit banking will be framed by the joint committee later.

The public lands committee of the house, which is working through the holiday recess, expects to have three conservation measures ready for action in the house on Jan. 4. The committee already has agreed to report the administration water power bill providing for the leasing of water power sites in federal jurisdiction. It is now working on bills authorizing the leasing of coal, oil, gas and phosphate lands on the public domain and providing for an enlarged homestead for settlers on grazing lands. All three of these bills passed the house in the last congress, but died in the senate.

Preparedness to Be Delayed.

Preparedness, both military and naval, is certain to encounter long delay in both military and naval affairs committees in the house have promised public hearings on the administration proposals. The naval committee hearings will begin on Jan. 5 and the military committee hearings soon afterwards. The hearings will continue for weeks before the committee begin detailed consideration of the measures. The delay in preparedness will put off action on revenue until the extent of the increased expenditures authorized for preparedness can be estimated with some degree of accuracy. The administration taxation suggestions have not met with an enthusiastic reception and whatever proposals for direct taxation are finally made will be greeted by strong opposition in both houses of congress.

Behind in Appropriation Bills.

In addition to the general legislation which is dragging along, congress is behind in the consideration of appropriation bills. None of the big supply measures has yet been reported out of committee to the house, and the committees are all behind in considering them. Usually two of the supply bills are passed before the holiday adjournment. With the press of general legislation congress will have difficulty enacting the necessary appropriation bills before the present funds are exhausted on July 1.

GERMANS LOSE 8,000

Repeated Attacks on West Front Reported Failures.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Two days of continuous fighting between Ypres and Arrmentieres on Tuesday and Wednesday resulted in a loss to the Germans of 8,000 effectives, says the war correspondent of LaLiberte. The object of the Germans was to test the strength of the British lines at this point. Behind clouds of poison gases the Germans made a dozen attacks, but where the British artillery and machine guns failed completely to break while the ships were loading in the Erie basin. As the crew of the Inchmooir lifted the hatch above hold No. 3 to fight the blaze a terrific explosion shook the ship. This was followed by several other blasts in quick succession. It was stated by officers of the ship tonight that nothing of an explosive nature had been stored in hold No. 3. The belief is general that chemical bombs were responsible.

ADMIRAL DEWEY IS 78

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Admiral Dewey hero of the battle of Manila bay, observed his 78th birthday anniversary at his home here Sunday. He received a large number of congratulatory messages and a number of friends called to pay their respects.

WYATT, IND.

Mrs. John Getz of Peoria, Ill., is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Shearer, during the holidays. The Farmers' institute committee met at John Eassey's home last Tuesday to arrange a program for a two days' session to be held at Wyatt, Jan. 21 and 22, 1916.

The program given by the Wyatt school on Thursday evening, which consisted of an operetta and a play, was a success. About 200 people were present. David Mangus, who had been ill for some time, died suddenly at the home of Morgan Shearer Tuesday morning. The funeral services were held Thursday morning at the Evangelical church at Bremen, Rev. Mr. Platz officiating. Burial was at the Bremen cemetery.

Jonas Williams, Alex and Christian Grose returned from Arkansas Friday. Only one bear and one deer were shot by the hunters. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wilkins left Friday morning for Grand Rapids, Mich., to visit Mrs. Wilkins' parents. The cantata given by the pupils of the Christian church Friday evening was a success and was well attended.

All Christmas Toys at Half Price.

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The Last Week of the Year 1915

will be recorded the greatest week of merchandise clearing we ever held. The crowded parlors in our Ready-to-Wear Sections for women and children today indicate a complete clearance.

Our After Xmas Reduction Sale

will continue four days, closing Friday. Ready-to-Wear Garments for Women and Children have never before been offered at such Attractive Prices

Women's and Misses' Coats \$1.00 to \$15.00.	Women's and Misses' Suits \$1.00 to \$15.00.
Women's and Misses' Dresses \$3.98, \$5.00.	Petticoats \$1.00, \$2.50. Skirts \$2.00, \$3.95.

Children's Coats and Dresses

Coats at \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00. Dresses 50c, \$1.00. Children's Rompers and Gingham Aprons 10c.

Boy's Suits \$2.00 and \$5.00

Boys' odd sizes Trousers 39c and 98c. Boys' Overcoats \$5.00.

Millinery Clearance of All Trimmed Hats

Also untrimmed at 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$2.00.

Wonderful Sale of House Dresses

The greatest sale we ever pulled off started today, \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, 59c and 79c.

Big Sale of Knit Goods 10c, 25c and \$1.00

Hoods, Caps, Scarfs, Sweaters, Auto Hoods.

Note—Early selections are advisable while the collections are at the best no goods will be sent on approval; no goods exchanged. Alterations \$1.00.

SUGAR STEAMER REPORTED ON FIRE

Blaze on British Carrier Inchmooir in Port Believed of Incendiary Origin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, broke forth on the British sugar steamer Inchmooir Sunday afternoon as she lay moored in the Erie basin, South Brooklyn. The vessel was under charter by the English government and was to have sailed with 3,400 tons of sugar Tuesday. The flames were put under control after a desperate fight of two hours. Circumstances surrounding the fire are strikingly similar to those attending the fires on the Euterpe and Tynningham. All three vessels were chartered to transport sugar to England. In each case the discovery of a fire followed by several distinct explosions; all occurred while the ships were loading in the Erie basin. As the crew of the Inchmooir lifted the hatch above hold No. 3 to fight the blaze a terrific explosion shook the ship. This was followed by several other blasts in quick succession. It was stated by officers of the ship tonight that nothing of an explosive nature had been stored in hold No. 3. The belief is general that chemical bombs were responsible.

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KILL THREE BROTHERS

Police-men Shoot When Men Resist Arrest for Intoxication.

MARION, Ill., Dec. 27.—Two police-men, John McDougall and John Kimbro, early Sunday shot and killed three brothers at Freelandpar, a mining town near here, when they resisted arrest on a charge of drunkenness. The shooting started when one of the brothers struck Police-man Kimbro with a stove poker. The dead: John Wilkas, 26 years old. William Wilkas, 29 years old. Frank Wilkas, 28 years old.

An enterprising pastor of Chicago, in the hope of inducing the people of that city to attend church, now that the saloons are closed on Sunday, is announcing for his text the words, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come."—Waco, Tex., News.

DENTAL COLLEGES TO BE CLASSIFIED

Four Year Course Will Be Required of Every School in Country.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 27.—Classification of the dental colleges of the United States along the lines which have been found successful by the American Medical association in grading medical schools will be completed by the Dental Education Council of America at its annual meeting in Louisville next July. A four years' course will be required of every school. This has been announced by Dean Henry L. Banzhaf of Marquette university college of dentistry, and secretary of the council, who, with Dr. George N. West, Chicago; Dr. L. E. Friesell, Pittsburgh, and others, has been inspecting the 52 dental colleges in the country for the purpose of grading them. During the last two months colleges in the west and middle west have been inspected. The inspection of the eastern colleges will begin April 1 in order to have the complete report ready for the annual meeting.

ROOSEVELT TO PROTEST

Will Not Allow Name on Any Presidential Ballot.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Col. Roosevelt, it was announced on Sunday night will protest against the placing of his name on the Michigan progressive presidential ballot. A spokesman for the former president said: "The colonel will not willingly allow his name to go upon any presidential ballot, progressive or republican."

ROUMANIA TO EXPORT

Cereals to be Sent to Austria and Germany.

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—Bucharest advices to the Exchange Telegram bureau here state that exportation of Rumanian cereals to Austria and Germany has been arranged. The first consignment left the Rumanian border on Thursday. The same authority is responsible for the report that the Bulgarian army's grandment due to the victories in the Serbian field has greatly perturbed Rumania, which is feverishly strengthening the frontiers.

In some parts of Mexico the wild dogs, which the natives call jabalis, are used as watchdogs. If they are caught young and brought up with goats they will go out into the hills with the herd and fight coyotes or other wild animals; if they are raised with chickens they will protect them. They are as useful as any dog around a house at night.

Moving An Austrian Mountain Battery



This picture shows the difficulties under which the Austrian and Italian armies are operating in the mountainous country at the front. In order to remove this battery to a new position, these Austrians have been compelled to pack much of the heavy machinery of their guns on their backs. In the foreground is a soldier carrying the gun mounting, aided by a comrade.