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Into Their Own in the Village Again, To-Morrow

Democrats Will Boss the Municipality for Next Two Years for Weal or Woe.

Democrats will again come into power in the control of city affairs tomorrow, when Stafford S. Scranton, elected as Mayor last November, takes over the city's executive chair, which for the past two years has been occupied by Mayor Clarence D. Rice, a republican.

The council will also be controlled by democrats, present councilman O. Rentsch, who was re-elected, being the only republican on the job. Marshal Charles Duncan, also re-elected, Councilman Rentsch and Dr. J. E. Hattery, president of the school board, comprise the republican force, who will be in service the next two years.

The official roster after to-day will be as follows:

- Mayor—S. S. Scranton. Marshal—Charles Duncan. Clerk—John M. Winter. Councilmen—O. Rentsch, J. W. Desch, J. L. Morrow, W. R. Coate, John Beiersdorfer and J. K. Carlin. Board of Public Affairs—T. A. Weis, Chas. Gray and S. M. Fisher. Board of Education—J. E. Hattery, J. Q. Mesarvey, F. E. Ayers, W. C. Dick and E. M. Dull.

Assessors—First ward, W. H. Dibble; second ward, W. J. Maehliman; third ward, P. A. Ellis; fourth ward Henry Tebba.

AS TO THE TARIFF LAWS

Congressman Alfred G. Allen of the second district, has issued a statement that is most enlightening as to the operation of the Underwood tariff law. Mr. Allen has just returned to the state for the holiday period. He says:

"During the first seven months of 1914, the Underwood act produced \$232,000,000 and during the same period of 1913 the Payne Aldrich act turned into the treasury \$218,000,000. In other words the Underwood act produced \$14,000,000 more than the Payne-Aldrich act.

"The tariff and treasury experts figured that it would produce \$270,000,000 customs revenue the first year. As a matter of fact it produced \$293,000,000 of customs revenues, \$23,000,000 more than was expected of it. Exclusive of postal receipts the income for the fiscal year 1913 amounted to \$724,111,000; for the fiscal year of 1914, the first under the Underwood law, \$734,343,000, or \$10,000,000 more than was produced under the last year of the Payne law, and I may say \$45,000,000 more than was produced in 1912. These figures are all a matter of record in the department and easy to obtain. They also show what happened to our imports after the war began. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, the imports from the European countries now at war amounted to \$765,000,000. The imports from these same countries during the fiscal year 1915 fell to \$503,000,000, a decrease of \$262,000,000. The aggregate customs receipts for the former year were \$292,320,000, and for the latter year \$299,785,000 or a falling off since the war began of over \$82,000,000. The ordinary receipts from distilled spirits, tobacco and fermented liquor showed a decrease for the last fiscal year of \$25,906,000.

"The Underwood law has amply justified itself. Had the Payne law been in effect when the war broke out, instead of having to raise \$80,000,000 to meet the emergency we would have had to raise \$160,000,000, for bear in mind that the Payne law, save for the corporation tax, depended upon the Custom House to raise its revenues, while the Underwood law carried the income tax provision, an additional source of revenue which is not affected by the cutting off of imports.

"Measured by every standard, tried by every test, the Underwood law has fully met the expectations of its framers."

Hon. Richard Raudabaugh and wife, of Lansing, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. George Guthrie, of Muncie, Ind., and Mrs. Chas. B. Behnart, of Ina, Va., are the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. McGriff, corner of Walnut and Livingston streets.

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Heffner, of Ft. Jennings; Mrs. Oral Heffner and children, Margaret and George, of Wapakoneta; Tim Manor and Mrs. Mary Huwer, of St. Marys, and the Misses Clara Bernard and Mabel Wilson, of Findlay, O., were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Heffner, East Market street, on Christmas day.

Miss Diener left Wednesday for Oxford to spend a couple of weeks with her brother, Urban and wife.

ALONZO MUST STAND TRIAL

Alonzo Kelley, indicted for non-support and arrested and lodged in jail last week, was arraigned before Common Pleas Judge Miller Wednesday morning. He plead not guilty. His bond was fixed at \$500. Unable to furnish bond he was remanded to jail to await trial.

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The Democrat extends the season's greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year, with the hope that Nineteen Hundred Sixteen may bring to every reader of The Democrat everywhere, and kith and kin, health and happiness, and a full measure of prosperity.

To no human being less.

James Janes, living six miles north of town, gave us a very pleasant call last Monday evening. He was just returning from Hoopston, Ill., where he had been visiting his father, D. A. Janes. He left the wherewithal to advance his father's subscription to the Democrat ahead another year.

RAUCH

Must Answer in Court to Charge of Bastardy Brought by Bessie Wollam.

The examination in the bastardy case of Bessie Wollam vs. Reuben Rauch was continued before Mayor Rice Wednesday morning. At its conclusion, Rauch was bound over to the Common Pleas Court in the sum of \$500. He furnished bond. The defendant is a resident of Van Wert county, and the plaintiff lives near the county line in Union township.

John Kohn had an ugly gash cut in the first finger of his left hand and the thumb split last Wednesday morning in a very peculiar accident.

He was in the act of throwing a snowball at a companion, who was cleaning the sidewalk in front of the Gibbons barber shop, when the fellow stuck up the snow shovel he was using. Young Kohn was just close enough that his hand struck the metal part of the shovel.

DOCTORS ELECT OFFICERS

The Mercer County Medical Association met in regular session at the Mayor's office last Tuesday afternoon. No program was given as there were matters of business to discuss and the annual election of officers to be held.

The election resulted as follows: President—W. R. Taylor, Ft. Recovery; Vice president—J. E. Hattery; Secretary—D. H. Richardson; Treasurer—F. E. Ayers; Censor for three years—H. J. Cordier; Delegate to State Medical Convention for two years—L. T. Arthur, of Montezuma.

The report of the hospital committee was deferred until the next meeting, March 28th.

BRANCHING OUT

Announcement was made today that the five and ten cent store company in which James Lepper, of St. Marys, Ohio; Fred Barr, of Celina, and W. R. Barr, of this city, are interested will open a new store, with in a few weeks, in Owensboro, Kentucky, and Mr. Lepper, is arranging to go there to take charge of the new store. It will be located in agood city of 16,000 population.

The firm plans to open a second store in Kentucky a little later.

The company also will operate two stores in Ohio, of which Fred H. Barr will have general supervision, the one at Celina and another in a city yet to be selected in place of the St. Marys store, which the company planned to dispose of.—Bluffton, Ind. News.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Struckman are home from a visit with the latter's relatives at Chillicothe. Mrs. Struckman's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Blosser, accompanied them here to make an extended visit.

Clem Beckman, of Cincinnati, was the Christmas guest of his mother, Mrs. J. G. Beckman and family.

Miss Jesse Staeger, who is teaching school at La Porte, Mo., is at home to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Staeger.

Miss Rosa Wenning, of Dayton, was the Christmas guest of her brother, Barber J. H. Wenning and wife, West Warren street. She spent Sunday with relatives at Philothea and returned to the Gem City Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Kathryn Alberry is home from Sidney, where she spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Anna Gudenkauff.

THIRTEEN

Divorce Actions Grace Calendar January Term

Of Common Pleas Court, Convening Next Monday—Seventy-Six Civil Cases.

The January term of Common Pleas Court will open next Monday morning, when the grand jury will convene before Judge Miller at half past nine o'clock.

The civil docket contains seventy-six cases. Of this number an unlucky thirteen are divorce actions. Twelve are suits against the county, either to enjoin tax collections and assessments, or to enjoin improvements. I. F. Raudabaugh has his usual three or four cases against the village and also one against the state. There is also an action by Frank Benke against Mr. Raudabaugh, which is a suit to recover unpaid taxes. The rest of the cases are about the usual damages, injunctions, partitions, suits to recover, on notes, etc.

The petit jury will not convene until two weeks from Monday, January 17. Judge Miller will probably call the docket next Monday afternoon and assign some of the cases.

A GLUE APPEAL

If the democratic voters of Mercer county wish to do the proper thing at the coming August primary they will tender the nomination of Prosecuting Attorney to Attorney Frank V. Short, of Celina, without opposition. The coming year of 1916 should find the democrats of not only Mercer county but the state as well united, and one way to bring about this in Mercer county is to lay aside all by-gones and personal differences and tender this office to Mr. Short without opposition. We need not dwell upon his fitness. This is known to all. He has made a couple of canvasses heretofore for this position and it has involved considerable expense as well as time, that in his case, also meant money by the necessary loss of business while making his campaigns.

Now, fellow democrats, let us lay aside all personal bickerings and differences and give him this office without involving upon him any further expense, if he will consent to become a candidate.—Coldwater Chronicle.

This sounds rich. Phillipps is now trying to make amends for one of the dirtiest campaigns ever waged in the county, when Mr. Short was slaughtered in his campaign for Prosecutor against Myers, which Phillipps was fully cognizant of if not a party to.

TELEPHONE

Troubles of Local Companies Are Still Being Aired in Court—Laudahn Overruled.

Common Pleas Judge Layton, of Wapakoneta was in this city yesterday morning and took up several cases that have been pending before him.

A motion for a new trial in the case of the Lima Business College vs. Fred Laudahn, of this city was overruled and judgement on the verdict ordered. A jury recently found for the defendant "no cause for action."

In the matter of the Celina and Mercer County Telephone Co. vs. the Mendon and Center Telephone Co., several motions were heard and sustained in part and overruled in part. Leave was given to file demurrer on part defenses instant and same was sustained. Leave was then given to file and amend answer by January 15.

A motion for a new trial in the case of I. F. Raudabaugh against the village of Celina, assigned for hearing, was continued to a later date.

MEET OF HARDWARE MEN

The Auglize Hardware and Implement Club met Tuesday afternoon in New Bremen. Delegations were present from St. Marys, Celina, Wapakoneta, Botkins, New Bremen, Minster, Ft. Loraine, and other places. The St. Marys party included Ed. Wust, of Wust Bros. Hardware Co., Henry Koepfer, H. W. Brinkmyer, of the Gordon-Hauss-Folk Co., John S. Snapp, of the Lock Two Grain and Milling Co. From Celina there were Zura Riley, Jas. McGee, J. M. Puthoff; from Wapakoneta, F. J. Bowsher, and Ed Fisher. Among the objects of the club are buying in large quantity, thus promoting minimum retail prices, uniform credit and uniform closing hours.—St. Marys Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armer, of Richmond, Ind., spent the Christmas holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fanger, West Warren street. The former returned home Monday but the latter remained here for the rest of this week.

Use Hanford's Balsam for calks.

OFF TO THE WORKS

Unable to furnish bond, Frank Stender, of Coldwater, last week sentenced to six months in the work house and fined \$10 and costs by Probate Judge Raudabaugh, was taken to the Dayton Works by Sheriff Pumphrey last Tuesday morning to serve the sentence imposed.

Al Stolley, wife and children, of Lima; Tony Tebben and family, of St. Marys; Joseph Krobach and family and Joseph Bucks and family, of Wapakoneta, and Nick Weis and family, of Coldwater, were the Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tebben, North Walnut street. Mrs. Krobach remained for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Neal, and family, of Alean, Mich., and Charles Juneman and family, of New York, are here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Juneman.

REVIVAL

Services Begin at Center Sunday Evening, Conducted by Rev. Roebuck.

Rev. A. H. Roebuck, pastor of the Celina Circuit M. E. Church announces services for next Sunday as follows:

Sunday school Mercer, Copps and Center at 9:30 a. m.

This will be the first Sunday of the new year. Let all come, you are welcome. Let us study the word of God together.

Preaching at Copps at 10:30 a. m. and at Center at 7:00 p. m. This latter service will be the commencement of our revival meetings. Come and help us. We need you.

John Wellman, of St. Anthony, was in this city last Tuesday on his way to Cincinnati, to visit his wife, who is in a hospital in the Queen City.

Clinton Weaver, and Mrs. Minnie Stemen and son Rex, of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Messie and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Newcomb and family, Mr. and Mrs. Blain Collins and family and Albert and Nella Wilrath all of Center township, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weaver, east of town.

Miss Laura Deitch and Margaret Zender, of this city and Messrs. Henry Goslee of North Star and Claude Haryman, of Greenview, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Holtzhauser, at St. Marys.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hinders and sons Urban and Homer, and daughter, Miss Elvira, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wenning; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Carlin and children and Miss Rosa Wenning, of Dayton, enjoyed a Christmas dinner with the W. J. Maehliman family, at the Maehliman home on East Market street.

CHURCH OF GOD

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these 'It might have been.'"

The harvest is past and the summer is ended, and we are not saved.—Jer. 8:20.

At Neptune—Friday Dec. 31, cottage prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m. at home of Mr. Jonas Thomas. Sunday Jan. 2, Sabbath school at 10 a. m. at 11 a. m. missionary service.

Wednesday Jan. 5, cottage prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m., at home of Mr. Clarence Dutton.

Friday Jan. 7, cottage prayer meeting at home of Mr. John Schnar at 9:30 a. m.

At Fairview—Revival meetings every night at 7:30 sun time. These meetings are growing in interest. We introduce sinners to God. Come.

Sunday Jan. 2, Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday Jan. 4, day meeting at 9:30 a. m.

Thursday, Jan. 6, day meeting at 9:30 a. m.

These meetings are held for prayer and are held so that the members who cannot come at night may gather and pray and receive some of the inspiration of the meeting.

OTTAWA GERMANS MEET CELINA FIVE TOMORROW NIGHT

A fast and interesting basket ball game is promised tomorrow night when the locals clash with the Ottawa Germans. Both teams have won a game on their own floor and the coming contest promises to be a good one. The Ottawa bunch will have the same line up as formerly, with Big Red Bushor on the job.

WANTED—At once, a girl or woman to assist in house work for several weeks. Inquire at 225 South Walnut street.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE Ladies, make aprons at home. Can make good money; material furnished. Send 25c for apron and particulars. G. Taylor Apron Co., Box 324 Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Cincinnati Daily Post and the Democrat, both one year for \$3.00. The Post is a great market paper.

WILLIS

Taxing Machinery Decentralized in Effect To-Night

Work Must Now Be Taken Care of By County Auditor Steinbrunner and Assistants.

At midnight tonight the offices of County Tax Commissioners over the state will close their doors and into the hands of the County Auditors will again go the work connected with the taxing machinery of the various counties.

County Tax Commissioner J. H. Harting, of Ft. Recovery, and Deputy Commissioner J. L. Morrow, who have served very diligently during their incumbency, will pass from their office and their books and records will be turned over to County Auditor J. F. Steinbrunner.

Mr. Harting expects to again take up his duties with the Lima Gas Co. unless the recent change in ownership of that corporation puts him out of service. He is one of the most able representatives in this part of the state and there is hardly any doubt but what he will be retained.

Mr. Morrow is undecided as to what he will get into, but until he finds something to engage in he will look after the town's interest on the council committee he will be appointed to next week.

Messrs. Harting and Morrow did not lay down their hands because their office would be wiped out of existence today, but have been plugging away at delinquent tax returners and the tax commission office has been very busy the past week. Probably their last job was finished up yesterday, when a local concern, whom they thought was a bit low on their valuation, was increased \$5,000.

The county loses two able officers, a republican and a democrat, with the retirement of Messrs. Hartings and Morrow.

THE GRIM REAPER

Henry Remakius, aged 27 years, a brother of Dry Goods Merchant Lawrence Remakius, of this city, died at six o'clock last Sunday evening at the home of his sister, Mrs. Earl Stone, at Ft. Recovery. Death was due to tuberculosis, from which he had been a sufferer for three years.

Deceased was born at New Corydon, Ind., but came to this county with his parents when a baby.

He is survived by his mother, two sisters and three brothers—Mrs. C. Coffin, of Waynesfield; Mrs. Earl Stone, of Ft. Recovery; Lawrence Remakius, of this city; Philip, of Straw, Montana, and Nick, of Ft. Recovery.

Funeral services were held at the Ft. Recovery Catholic Church Wednesday morning.

Mahlon Crampton, the venerable father of Ira Crampton, of this city, aged 89 years, died last Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John O. Lewellen, 303, E. North street, Muncie, Ind. Death followed a lingering illness of organic heart trouble.

The deceased was born in Richmond county, this state, March 2, 1827, where he spent his childhood days. Some years later he moved with his father and mother on a farm near Cincinnati, where he was married in 1851.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Ruth J. Crampton, one daughter, Mrs. John O. Lewellen; four sons, Ira E., of this city; Isaac, of Cleveland; Alfred and LeRoy of Muncie, Ind. Two brothers, Charles C. of Muncie, and Hiram, of Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren survive.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie.

Mr. and Mrs. Crampton, Miss Ruth Crampton and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sharp attended the funeral.

Mrs. Mary Wirick, aged fifty-seven years, died at 11 o'clock Thursday night December 24, 1915, at her place of residence, 302 South Vine street, St. Marys. The fatality occurred very suddenly; due it is said to heart weakness to which she had for a long time been subject in severe form.

Mrs. Wirick is survived by two sons and two daughters, William Strobel with whom she made her home; Edwin Strobel, Logansport, Ind.; Mrs. Callie Rader, Lima; Miss Bertha Strobel; Urron, Ill. There are five surviving brothers and two sisters: Mrs. Jake Hasis; Mrs. Kate Snavely, Mrs. Walter; Andrew, Geo., John, Fred and Emma Speier, all residing in the district around Mendon.

Mrs. Wirick was a native of Mercer county and lived there until her removal twenty years ago to St. Marys. She leaves a considerable number of local acquaintances who extend sympathy to the bereaved family.—St. Marys Leader.

CONSUMING LITTLE FISH

[Lima Daily News]

Final details of the removal of the plants of the Pandora Manufacturing company to this city were completed this week when the company purchased the two-story brick building at Central avenue and Market streets from the Weisbaum Bros. for \$20,000. One hundred machines will be removed here at once from their Celina plant and others added, while a third story will be built to the factory early in the spring. Elias Welty, general manager of the company will move here immediately together with 25 machine operators to teach new employees.

OFFICIAL

Duties of Old Council Closed Tuesday Night

Proposed Ordinance Goes Over to Incoming Body—Byerly Gets Pumping Job.

The present council closed their official duties at a meeting last Tuesday night with all members present but Sharp and with Mayor Rice presiding.

The sewer committee was instructed to purchase a motor and other necessities for the pump station of the sanitary sewer system.

The mayor and clerk were authorized to enter into a contract with Wm Byerly for taking care of the sanitary sewer pump station, at \$10 per month.

The building committee reported that the Pandora Overall company wanted to be released from their contract with the city for the use of the Overall building. Council made a motion that they should not be released until their full contract was complied with.

The annual report of Fire Chief Weber was read and accepted and the semi-annual appropriating ordinance read.

An ordinance regulating and licensing circuses, shows, carnivals and the like was presented and placed upon its first reading. Its passage, however was let go over to the new council.

A motion was made that the city pay all expenses for oiling streets and same carried.

DAN CUPID VICTIMS

William Rose, of Cleveland, and his bride, formerly Miss Maude Green at one time a teacher in the local public schools, are guests this week of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Green, near Ft. Recovery. They will visit her sister, Mrs. Herman Cron, enroute to Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Rose were married at Lakewood, near Cleveland on December 18, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Leeper, formerly of Ft. Recovery. Mrs. Rose has been teaching school at Elyria for the past several years.

Miss Florence Jones, of Washington C. H., who will be married to L. Heath Vining of this city, at high noon tomorrow, visited the prospective groom's mother, Mrs. S. J. Vining this week. The Vining-Jones wedding will be one of the social events of Washington C. H. The ceremony will take place at the St. Andrews Episcopal church in that city.

Mr. Vining is the youngest son of the late S. J. Vining, and the bride-to-be is a beautiful and highly accomplished young society girl of Washington C. H.

PROBATE COURT

Frank Parson, 35, electrician, Ft. Recovery, son of H. H. Parson, and Marguerite Hornbuckle-McCorkle, 33, housekeeper, Ft. Recovery, daughter of Samuel Hornbuckle. Married December 23 by Rev. Lance of the M. E. Church.

Asa M. Spray, 19, laborer, Van Wert, son of Arthur Spray, and Besse M. Page 21, housekeeper, Rockford, daughter of John M. Page. Married December 24 by Rev. L. E. Ames, of Rockford.

E. W. Drake, mechanic, Mendon, son of E. N. Drake, and Myrtle I. Craft, 25, housekeeper, Mendon, daughter of Asa Craft. Married December 28 by Mayor C. D. Rice.

W. M. Davies, 35, farmer, Liberty township, son of Hiram Davies, and Anna Now, 37, housekeeper, Hope-well township, daughter of Milton Freeman.

Prof. J. W. Pogue, Supt. of the local schools, and LeRoy Jenkins, superintendent of the manual training department, are at Columbus this week, attending a meeting of the school superintendents of the state.

Mesdames Anna Whitwhan, of Aurora, Ill.; Charles Huber, of Ottawa, and Ben Niemberg, of Glandorf, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Borman.

BEYOND

The Realm of Suffering Is Mrs. J. A. Roemer

Medical Skill of No Avail, and Long Illness Came to An End Wednesday.

Word was received here Wednesday afternoon announcing the death at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lafayette, Ind., at four o'clock of Mrs. J. A. Roemer. Mr. Roemer and their daughters, Ella and Ruth, the latter known as Sister Ignatiana, a teacher in the Humphrey, Neb., school, were with her at the time of her death. Her brother, Wm. H. Anthony, of this city, and J. L. Anthony, of Ft. Recovery, and her son-in-law, E. D. Heilholzer arrived there just thirty minutes after she had breathed her last.

Mrs. Roemer went to Lafayette three months ago to undergo an operation for a cancerous growth, but her condition was such that she could not withstand the operation. She remained at the hospital however, for treatment, but to no avail, and she suffered untold pain for the past couple of months.

Her oldest son, Charles, will be ordained into the Priesthood next June and it was Mrs. Roemer's next ambition to witness that event. This fact probably kept her living much longer than she would have, under ordinary circumstances.

Caroline Anthony was born in Ft. Recovery, 64 years ago and has always lived in Mercer county. In the year 1875 she was married to J. A. Roemer, the well known clothing merchant who with seven children survive—Ella, at home; Charles Walter and William, who are studying for the priesthood, at St. Louis, Mo; Mrs. Ed Heilholzer, of this city; Mrs. Wm. Stuber, Cleveland, and Ruth, known as Sister Ignatiana, at Humphrey, Nebraska. She is also survived by five brothers and three sisters. Her one sister, who is known as Sister Leonissa, the head nurse in the Lafayette Hospital, was also with her at the time of her death.

The remains were brought to this city yesterday noon over the Lake Erie and taken to the Roemer home, on East Wayne street.

Funeral services will be held at the Catholic church in this city at ten o'clock to-morrow morning with Rev. William Anthony, of Cincinnati, and Revs. George Hindeland and Ernest Hefele in charge, assisted by the deceased's sons, who are studying for the priesthood. The body will be taken to Wapakoneta and placed in the Mausoleum there until the new Mausoleum at the Catholic cemetery in this city is completed.

Miss Rosina Raub, a trained nurse from Chicago, Ill., visited with Recorder and Mrs. H. J. Stelzer last Friday while enroute to St. Anthony to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Raub.

Miss Raub has been on the Red Cross nursing staff in France and left there a couple of weeks ago. She will return to Chicago after the holidays, but does not expect to go back to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Durbin, of Custer, and Kathryn Durbin, of Deshler, were Christmas guests of Tom and Ed Durbin and Fred Winter and families.

John Davis, Jr., who has been a guest at the E. E. Stephenson home was taken to Dayton Sunday to join his father, John R. Davis, formerly of this city, who with his wife left Monday for Webb City, Mo., where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Orth and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoovel and children, and George Hiker of Ft. Wayne, Ind., were the Christmas guests of C. J. Hemmert and family, North Main street.

Dr. John R. Johnson, of Lima; Walter L. Johnson and family, of Urbana, and Ray O'Neal and family, of Dayton, were the Christmas guests of Mrs. L. N. Johnson and daughter, Miss Nell.

Mrs. M. C. Edwards, and Miss Letha McNare, of Marion, and Miss Clara McNare, of Cleveland, are the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. McNare.

Mrs. Gustave Beutelspacher, Lima, is the holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. Emma Corder.