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News Items of 12 Years Ago

Dec. 30, 1927
Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Temple visited relatives at Mattoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anderson spent the holidays with relatives in Missouri.

Miss Frances Walsh of Broadlands and Paul Decker of Fithian were married at Sidell.

Miss Marie Struck entertained the Mystic Rose Club. Miss Margaret Gore was a prize winner.

Mrs. Ira Laverick entertained her class of girls from the Allerton Presbyterian church at a Christmas party.

The Christmas pageant given by the local churches at the opera house was largely attended.

20 Years Ago

Dec. 19, 1919
Miss Pearl Potter of Homer visited relatives here.

Mrs. Albert Telling left for Springfield, Ohio, for a visit with relatives.

The children of Mrs. Jake Seider were confined to their home by scarlet fever.

Mrs. Charlotte Walker was pleasantly surprised when a number of relatives and friends gathered to help celebrate her birthday.

Train service was restored to normal, following settlement of a coal miners' strike, and four passenger trains were running daily.

St. John's Evangelical Church

Karl F. Albers, Pastor.
Church Worship hour, 9:30 a. m., followed by Communion and Christmas Day message.
Sunday School, 10:30.
No services on the 25th.
Sunday the 31st, services at 10:30; Sunday School, 9:30.
Christmas program, Sunday evening, 24th.

Methodist Church Notes

W. Earl Ballew, Pastor
The Sunday School meets at 10:00 o'clock. Surely anyone with a heart prepared for Christmas would come to the Sunday School on Christmas Sunday, if at all able.
Next Sunday the morning Church Service will be transferred to the evening hour, when the Christmas program of the Sunday School will be given in the Church, at 7:30.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.
Rehearsal for Christmas Program, 10:00 a. m.
Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p. m. Subject: "Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained."
Christmas Day, 10:00 a. m. Subject: "The Son of God in Swaddling Clothes."
Second Christmas Day, 10:00 a. m. Subject: "The Penalty of Rejecting Christ."
This church bids you a hearty welcome in the name of the Lord whose birth we celebrate.



Methodist Aid Meets at Home Mrs. Eva Walker

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Eva Walker on Thursday afternoon of last week with Mesdames Bertha Cook, Ida Messman and Eva Brewer, assistant hostesses.

Mrs. Anna Laverick had charge of the devotions. She presented the Christmas story in an interesting and impressive manner, relating the facts leading up to the birth of Christ, also Christmas thoughts and poems. The program closed with Christmas carols, and prayer by Rev. Ballew.

The business meeting was conducted by Vice President Mrs. Mary Dicks. After adjournment, a social hour included contests and a gift exchange.

A luncheon consisting of roast turkey, oyster dressing, celery, cranberry salad, olives, pickles, preserves, hot rolls, butter, Christmas cookies and coffee, was served.

Decorations were in keeping with the season.

Guests present were Mesdames Kathryn Deere, Nelle McPherson, Jessie Bergfield, Harriet Smith, Lillie Bowman, Myrtle Boyd, Lola Gallion, Merle Block and Rev. W. Earl Ballew.

Members present were Mesdames Ruby Holt, Gladys Walker, Lottie Astell, Minnie Anderson, Maude Anderson, Bertha Cook, Eva Brewer, Alma Bruhn, Edna Dicks, Alice Cable, Mary Dicks, Pearl DeWitt, Lettie Eckert, Mary Fitzgerald, Anna Laverick, Ida Messman, Leanna Miller, Gladys McClelland, Rosa Smith, Elsa Walker, Frances Smith, Eva Walker, and Miss Mildred Neal.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ruby Holt.

Reveal Marriage

Allerton—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hillery, Allerton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Hazel to Forrest Neibarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Neibarger, Newman. The wedding took place Dec. 2.

John Rhodes is driving a new Chevrolet sedan.

Missionary Society Meets Home Mrs. J. A. Church

The Fairfield Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Church on Dec. 13, with Mrs. Alva Fultz as assistant hostess.

Mrs. Elbert Job had charge of the devotions. She used "The Excellence of Christian Love," as her subject, giving many beautiful thoughts.

Mrs. Logan Akers had the home topic, "Pioneers in Home Missions."

The society sang a group of Christmas carols.

Mrs. Harlan Six had the foreign topic, "Irdu, Syria, Mesopotamia."

After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed and a gift exchange held.

Lovely refreshments were served by the hostess.

There were ten members and one guest present.

Y. W. O.'s Entertained at John Nohren Home

The Y. W. O. class of the U. B. Sunday School met Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nohren.

Rev. J. F. Turner conducted the devotions. Oscar Witt had charge of the business meeting.

Miss Dorothy Turner was a guest.

Members present were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Henson, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bergfield, Mr. and Mrs. John Nohren, Mrs. Lillie Bowman.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Rev. Turner.

In Memoriam

In memory of our father, John L. Rayl, who passed away, Dec. 20, 1938, and our mother, who passed away Jan. 8, 1938:

These days recall sad memories Of Loved Ones gone to rest; And we who think of them today,

Are the ones who loved them best.

—The Children.

John Fitzgerald is driving a new Chevrolet sedan.

Miss Mabel Bahlow is Hostess to Phi Beta Deltas

Miss Mabel Bahlow was hostess to the Phi Beta Delta Class of the St. John's Evangelical Church, Thursday evening of last week.

President Harry Nohren conducted the business session during which time officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—Miss Edna Schumacher.

Vice Pres.—Miss Margaret Ann Mohr.

Sec.-Treas.—Miss Norma Parthenheimer.

Asst. Sec.-Treas.—Wayne Nohren.

Members present were Misses Mary Ann Kilian, Pauline Limp, Margaret Ann Mohr, Edna Schumacher, Mabel Bahlow; Messrs. Raymond Kilian, Billie Zenke, Harry Nohren, Ralph Schumacher, Wayne Nohren.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Marcelle and Harry Nohren.

L. W. Class Holds All Day Meeting

The L. W. class of the U. B. Sunday School met at the home of Mrs. Lydia Brown on Wednesday. An all day quilting was held, with a pot-luck dinner at the noon hour.

The business meeting was opened at the regular hour by the president, Mrs. Belle Smith. Each read or related a Christmas story, the most interesting one being told by Mrs. Dophia Warner of the first Christmas tree and program held in Broadlands fifty years ago.

Then to see the gifts and mail passed out, it looked like Santa had come to town.

Guests were Mrs. Lillie Bowman and Mrs. Zermah Witt.

Members present were Mesdames Bessie Loomis, Leona Bergfield, Ora Brown, Ella Maxwell, Olive Rayl, Belle Smith, Lucy Sullivan, Dophia Warner, Olive Benefiel, Lydia Brown.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ora Brown.

Bud Poggendorf is driving a new Chevrolet sedan.

IEC Power Week Ahead of Schedule

Approximately three-quarters of the thousand homes in sections B and C of the Illini Electric Co-op's project B, now have electric service, Manager Vernon Green said Monday. Green said the remainder of the homes would receive service immediately.

Project B includes southern Champaign county and northern Douglas county principally, and small portions of adjoining Piatt and Vermilion counties.

The energizing of individual homes has progressed more rapidly than was expected, since it was estimated that it would be at least two weeks before the work was completed.

Construction work on the 425-mile project was begun Sept. 23. Workers completed construction of section B of the project in 56 days, and worked parts of section C in as they finished B.—News Gazette.

Henry Lewis Released on Bond at Tuscola

Tuscola, Dec. 19—Henry Lewis, who has been recovering in the Jarman hospital here since he allegedly beat his wife and attempted suicide at their farm west of Camargo a week ago, was released on a \$3,000 bond Tuesday on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

Lewis was placed under arrest at the hospital by Deputy Sheriff Earl Shoppe. The bond furnished was signed by himself and a son, Ervin Lewis, Champaign.

State's Attorney Charles W. Dotson said the arrest was made Tuesday to prevent going into another county, should Lewis be moved to the home of one of his sons in Champaign.

Both Lewis and his wife are recovering satisfactorily. Both his wrists and his throat were cut following an argument over a radio. Mrs. Lewis was badly beaten about the head, allegedly with a poker. She is recovering at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Paul Williamson, Tuscola.

Henry Oye, Tuscola Cemetery Sexton Improves Slowly

The condition of Henry Oye Sr., veteran sexton of the Tuscola cemetery, who suffered a slight stroke seven weeks ago, remains about the same. He remains in bed most of the time as the leg which was afflicted by the stroke prevents his walking.

The limb which was stricken has given Mr. Oye trouble for many years it having been badly fractured about a quarter of a century ago when a concrete vault which was being lowered slipped and crushed him. Mr. Oye passed his 82nd birthday anniversary on Nov. 30th, and has held down the position as cemetery sexton since 51 years ago last June.

During his illness his two daughters, Mrs. Lena Seider and Mrs. Tena Seider both of the Broadlands community, have spent much of their time here in assisting in the care of their father.—Tuscola Review.

Alvin Windler of Urbana was a visitor here Monday.

Floyd Block is driving a new Chevrolet sedan.

Red Cross Enrolls Fifty-Nine Members

The Roll Call workers of the Ayers Township Unit of the National Red Cross have enrolled a total of 59 members for the year 1940, states C. T. Henson, chairman.

Members enrolled are as follows:

George Dohme
Clark Henson
W. L. Kibbons
Andrew Henson
Herman Struck
Kerna Block
O. E. Anderson
F. B. Wood
Norman Seider
Wm. Zenke
Alvin Zenke
Joe Darnall
Virgil Henson
Harold Anderson
E. B. Maxwell
Carl Dicks
Mrs. Irene Witt
Hugo DeWitt
Ray L. Bowman
Ira F. Laverick
Lewis Shoop
Mrs. Ella Maxwell
Mrs. O. E. Gore
Mrs. Arch Walker
Roy Bergfield
Miss Anna Clem
Fred Mohr
O. P. Witt
George Cook
Adolph Anderson
Mrs. Leanna Miller
Kenneth Dicks
Mrs. D. P. Brewer
Raymond McClelland
Rev. Earl Ballew
Mrs. Lillie Bowman
Mrs. Jennie Nohren
Willis Myers

Ralph Messman enrolled 16 members and secured 11 contributions. Members enrolled are as follows:

Vernon Luth
Mrs. Edna Struck
Walter Poggendorf
Wm. Seider
Louis Stuebe
Ralph Messman
Henry Messman
Wm. Rothermel
Henry Seider
Robert Smith
Walter Messman
Martin Sy
Harold Smith
Otto Struck
Charles Messman
Ed Luth

Following are the names of those making contributions:

Louie Wienke, Sr.
Hans Biesterfeld
August Mohr
Alvin Windler
John Rothermel, Jr.
Ray Struck
Fred Cross
Frank Kracht
Art Struck
Louie Wienke, Jr.
John Mohr

No Paper Next Week

The News office will not publish a paper next week—holiday week.

Market Report

Following are the prices offered for grain on Thursday in the local market:

No. 2 hard wheat, new90c
No. 2 white corn54c
No. 2 yellow corn49c
No. 3 oats, new37c
No. 2 beans, new\$1.04

Christmas greeting ads of local business firms appear in this issue of The News.

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The Great Charter

What is said to be the best ancient copy of England's famed Magna Charta, or Great Charter, now rests temporarily in the United States Library of Congress, near the originals of the American Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

The English document was sent to the United States for display at the New York world's fair, and through fear that it might be destroyed at sea the British government had it removed to Washington for safe keeping during the war.

There are several old copies of Magna Charta deposited in various cathedrals and other places in England, including the British Museum. Whether either of these is the real original is doubtful, for the Charter was granted by King John on June 15, 1215, a little more than 724 years ago.

On that date, the English barons, who had long protested against the arbitrary rule of the kings, surrounded King John at Runnymede and with arms in their hands forced him to sign the Charter. This contained, among many other things, provisions in some respects similar to the American Bill of Rights.

The Magna Charta is looked upon as the keystone of English liberty, and it has been declared that "if every subsequent law were to be swept away, there would still remain the bold features that distinguish a free from a despotic monarchy."

Lord Lothian, British ambassador to the United States, committed the copy of the Charter now in Washington to the custody of Archibald MacLeish, librarian of Congress, on November 28.

All Are Losers

After 54 days of idleness, an agreement was reached a few days ago, whereby nearly 60,000 workers in Chrysler automobile factories ended the longest and most costly labor dispute in the history of the industry.

It is estimated that a total of fully 150,000 men were thrown out of work during the period, including those employed in the plants which furnish materials and supplies for the automobile company. The amount lost in wages reached a staggering sum and the output of cars was reduced by about 150,000.

As is always the case in disputes of this kind, all concerned were losers. The company lost the sale of thousands of cars and their dealers also were hard hit. The workers lost pay for a period of eight weeks, and many of them were reduced to destitution. The public, particularly the business community, suffered through loss of trade.

The settlement finally came around a conference table, where the difference between the contending parties might have been settled in the beginning.

It is unfortunate that some means of averting such disastrous labor disputes can not be found, but in spite of all efforts to devise such means, little progress has been made.

Although nearly everyone agrees that the real interests of employer and employee can be best served by intelligent cooperation, the spirit necessary to attain this end is too often lacking on both sides.

What's New

A lubricating oil that will not stain fabrics has been perfected for use on knitting machines.

Cream treated by a new process developed in Scotland will remain sweet for a week or more.

A low-hanging automobile fender, hinged at the rear end to afford easy access to a tire, has been invented.

Designed for electrical research the world's speediest camera, invented by a Philadelphian, can take 12,000 pictures in a second.

A new vacuum method of extracting excess water from newly poured concrete is said to increase the strength of material from 30 to 100 percent.

A detonator ray, which its inventor, Otto H. Mohr of Oakland, Calif., claims is capable of exploding gasoline and ammunition two miles away, is being studied by the Army Ordnance department.

Destiny Plays Role As Ice Stops Travel

Menacing ice in the Ohio River brought a physician to an Illinois pioneer community, and he remained there for the rest of his life.

Late in December of 1817, a flatboat, with lumber and a few passengers, found shelter in the harbor of Lusk Creek, off the Ohio River at Golconda, according to an account noted by the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, which is assembling historical data about the state. Among the persons aboard was a young Scotch physician, Dr. William Sim, educated at the Royal College of Surgeons in London and bound for Natchez, Miss., to establish a practice.

When the flatboat resumed its way, Sim was not among the passengers. He had been persuaded to remain at least through the winter, and finally he decided to cast his lot with the settlers in that area. In time his calls took him long distances by horseback—as far as Metropolis on the south, Shawneetown to the north, Princeton, Ky., east, and Jonesboro, to the west.

Berries Yield Supply of Bright Blue Ink

Illinois prairie lands yielded many necessities to pioneers, but a lone vine that provided filler for an Alton resident's inkwell is one of the unusual products on record. A magazine published in 1852 relates how the man found the strange vine growing in his garden, and how he crushed the berries for ink.

So satisfactory was the writing fluid thus produced that he tried to find other vines of a similar kind, but to no avail. According to the account, specimens of penmanship, written with berry ink, retained its bright bluish color, says the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

Lettuce Ripened in Time For Christmas Dinner

Home-grown lettuce that ripened late in December once garnished the Christmas table of one Illinois resident, research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, have learned. On Dec. 25, 1899, a subscriber to the Cambridge Chronicle, Henry County reported that he had gathered an abundance of fresh lettuce from his garden for the occasion, and that pea vines were already a foot and a half high.

Many drivers are so intent on letting their lights shine before men that they never use their dimmers.

With the pick-up in business we all ought to be able to obtain credit to go a little deeper in debt.

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Do You Know Illinois?
By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. What were the popular
names of the political parties in
Alton in the 1830's?

A. The major group was
known as the "Mint Juleps" and
the Puritan minority was called
the "Tee-totalers."

Q. What names did the news-
paper Alton Spectator apply to
the Puritan party?

A. "Cold Water Society" and
the "Sunday School Scholars."

Q. What was the Tontine
Row of Alton in the 1830's?

A. Coffeehouses and grog-
shops, a row of shanty-like struc-
tures sprawling back from the
river.

Q. What organizations were
pitted against Tontine Row and
all it represented?

A. The church, erected by
Colonel Godfrey and Winthrop
S. Gilman on Market Street Hill,
the newspaper, The Alton Tele-
graph, and the New England
Puritan element and its Sunday
schools.

Q. Who were the men who
preached from the pulpit of the
Market Hill Church?

A. Elijah Parish and Owen
Lovejoy, Edward Beecher, Peter
Cartwright, Frank Graves, and
John Mason Peck.

Q. Is the Market Hill Church
still in existence?

A. It is now an Episcopal
Church.

Q. What newspaper was estab-
lished in Alton in 1837?

A. The Alton Observer edited
by Elijah Lovejoy. Headquar-
ters for the Illinois Temperance
Herald were also established by
A. W. Corey.

Q. What attack did Corey
make on St. Louis liquor dealers?

A. He published the names
of wholesale dealers and charged
them with being common
criminals.

Q. How did Lovejoy's atti-
tude toward slavery progress?

A. In 1835 he was a coloni-
zationist; in 1836 he came to be-
lieve in gradual emancipation; in
1837 he advocated immediate
emancipation.

Q. What memorable editorial
did Lovejoy write on July 4, 1837
while orators in the town de-
clared the traditional themes
of liberty?

A. "Alas! what bitter mock-
ery is this. We assemble to
thank God for our own freedom
... while our feet are upon the
necks of nearly three million of
our fellowmen! Not all our
shouts of self-congratulation can
drown their groans—even that
very flag of freedom that waves
over our heads is formed from
materials cultivated by slaves."

**Santa Claus Defended
on Educational Basis**

"Down with Santa Claus!"

This, in effect, was the cry
raised in 1894 by several women
of one Illinois county, research
workers of the Illinois Writers'
Project, WPA, have learned
from early news accounts. In
that year a group of Cook Coun-
ty mothers tried to banish St.
Nicholas and other mythological
heroes of childhood on the con-
tention that they were a gross
offense to the scientifically or-
dered minds of children.

However, one member of the
group pleaded that such folklore
had educational value. Her
views were at once publicly sup-
ported on various grounds, and
the proposal for disillusionment
was defeated.

A panhandler who stopped
Mrs. Charles Swanson on an
Omaha street demanded: "Lady
gimme your purse. I'm hun-
gry." When she handed it to
him he extracted a quarter, po-
litely handed it back, and walk-
ed away.

Place your news items in our
mail box at foot of stairway.

**Merry
Christmas!**

By Helen Morton

IT WAS enough to make one hate
Christmas! Betsy was so tired
that she could hardly stand. This
counter in the middle of the aisle
had become a nightmare to her. The
crowds hurrying by, pulling the
neckties off as their coats brushed
against them, fingering them over
and then tossing them back on the
table carelessly.

Still, it was good to have a job,
even a temporary one. For she
had been without work for a long
enough time so that she had "eat-
en" and all her possessions she could
borrow money on.

No time to be standing here think-
ing, though. That fat woman looked
as if she was going to buy several
ties. "These are very nice, madam.
And so reasonable; 35 cents a piece,
or three for \$1.00. This is an ex-
ceptionally pretty one," and Betsy
showed her a navy blue. But the fat
woman dropped the ties and hast-
ened away with her friend, leaving
a pile of ties on the floor.

Wearily Betsy leaned over and
began picking them up. "Let me
help?" a friendly voice asked. Betsy
looked up into a handsome face,
curly brown hair, deep blue eyes,
and a mouth that curved into a
smile at the surprise in Betsy's eyes.

"I want to get some ties for my
family. I've been up here the past
few weeks, and so I don't know
what the kids want, but I think it'll
be safe to give 'em ties. Socks are
so commonplace."

"Your brothers?" Betsy asked as
she held up one or two she liked
particularly.

"Yeah. Three brothers and a sis-
ter. She's about your age, I reckon.
What does a girl like, anyway, when
you've only a little to spend?" He
looked imploringly.

"Let's get the brothers fixed up
first, and then see about her. How's
this for the 17-year-old?" Betsy in-
quired.

"Fine. You know, I'm tickled pink
to be able to do anything for the
family. I struck a bad spell, was
down with flu for three weeks, and
lost my job. I just got another last
week. But I'd have hated to have
the day go by with nothing from the
big boy." His face was shining.

"I'll have them wrapped as gifts.
Then you go over to the counter
there and select something for your
sister. Here, I'll take you over and
get a girl from my home town to
wait on you. She'll help," and Betsy
went along with him.

"You're not a city girl, then? No
wonder you were so helpful. I'm

scared of these sophisticated girls
in most of the shops. That's be-
cause I've been here only a few
months, and in my home town ev-
eryone knew everyone and it was,
well, it was different. Say, you
don't think I'm getting fresh, do
you? I'm just so homesick." His
face was red with embarrassment.

It was Betsy's turn to look trou-
bled. "Sure, I knew how it was.
I don't chatter away with every
customer this way, either. I'm like
you new here, and lonesome for my
own people. I was hating Christmas
time, with so much confusion and
no real Christmas spirit. So I'm glad
you told me about your family."

She turned him over to Marie at
the women's wear counter, and went
on with her tie selling. They seemed
prettier, fresher and more attrac-
tive, than they had before the curly-
headed fellow had come along to
buy some.

ONLY a half hour off for supper,
then she'd have to work until
the store closed at nine. Christmas
eve meant lots of last minute gifts
to be bought in this big city. As
she turned away from her counter
to go out to eat, a friendly voice
sounded at her shoulder.

"If you're going to snatch a sand-
wich, do you mind if I go along and
we learn something more about each
other? Your friend told me you'd
have just a little while for lunch,
and I want to get acquainted, if
you'll let me." It wasn't just a
"pick-up." This was a homesick
boy, wanting to talk with a small-
town girl who knew his language.

There was just a moment's hesi-
tation before Betsy said, with a grin,
"Sure enough. Lead me to the lunch
counter. You're no more lonely than
I've been. As it is, I really feel like
I can say 'Merry Christmas' when
tomorrow comes."

**Christmas
Dinner**

By Katherine Edelman

AS SOON as Darrel Thorpe got a
chance to use the phone, he
dialed his home. He must tell Edna,
how sorry, how terribly sorry he
was for what had happened this
morning. All the way down on the
car he had reproached himself for
the hasty words he had said. He
couldn't understand how he had spoken
to Edna like that, and on Christ-
mas eve.

He drummed impatiently on the
desk as he waited. Edna was al-
ways punctual about answering the
phone and doorbell. It was a way
she had, going right through with
things.

Which really was the cause of
his flash of temper this morning.
In her quick, decisive way, she had
swept aside his idea of having old
Mrs. Darby for Christmas dinner.
The little lady, now down on her
luck, had befriended Darrel when
he had come to the city.

"I'm not going to have her!" Edna
had declared emphatically. "We're



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going to skip Christmas as much as
possible—go out and eat somewhere
—and miss all the rush and bother."

"I think that's a darn selfish way
of doing," Darrel shot back. "Christ-
mas is a home day, with a turkey,
and a tree, and gifts, and above all,
someone to share them with us."

Then, without waiting to see the
effect of his words, Darrel rushed
from the house, banging the door.

Now, he dialed the number three
times, but there was no answer.
Panic seized him. Had Edna be-
lieved that he meant what he had
said? He had heard of young wives
who had packed up and left for
much less reason. What a brute he
had been to flare up as he did!

THE morning was unbearably
long. Inwardly fuming, he hung
up the receiver, to answer an im-
perative buzzer from the inner of-
fice. It was about the tenth this
morning. If it hadn't been for
Wheatley, keeping him running
around in circles, he might have
been able to reach Edna long ago.
And if the old man hadn't been in
the same ugly mood yesterday, Dar-
rel knew that he himself wouldn't
have been on edge this morning,
that he wouldn't have spoken to Ed-
na as he had done. He blamed
Wheatley as much as himself.

"You sent for me," he said stiffly,
as he waited beside the desk. The
big man did not seem to hear him.
His eyes were glued on a closely
typed statement. Darrel spoke
again. Then Daniel Wheatley looked
up, and rubbed his hand across his
forehead as if trying to remember
something.

"Oh, yes, yes," he began; "Mrs.
Thorpe called before you got to the
office this morning. I forgot to tell
you. She left word that she was
going marketing with a Mrs.—Mrs.
Darby, or some such name. Also,
she wanted me to be sure to tell
you to bring home a Christmas tree
and all the trimmings." There was
a merry twinkle in Wheatley's usu-
ally hard eyes. "Looks as if you were
going to celebrate Christmas at your
house," he finished, with a laugh.

"We certainly are," Darrel
grinned back; "we're going to have
a real old-fashioned celebration of
the day."

"Think your wife would object if
you took a cranky old man to Christ-
mas dinner?"

Darrel wondered if he were hear-
ing things, then his quick wit jumped
to the surface. "If you really mean
that, Mr. Wheatley, I can assure you
of a hearty welcome. My wife thor-
oughly believes in having people for
Christmas dinner. At least, I am
sure she does now." The last sen-
tence Darrel whispered to himself.

Carols on Fields of Bethlehem
On the hillsides of Bethlehem,
"where shepherds watched their
flocks by night" on Christmas eve
and Christmas morning, tourists
from many lands gather annually to
sing carols and remember the life
and words of Jesus of Nazareth.

In Bethlehem for Christmas
Due to modern transportation one
can leave America as late as the
middle of December and be in Beth-
lehem in Palestine for Christmas,
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Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson were Champaign visitors on Monday.

Ilo Barnes and family of Indianapolis spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes.

Miss Betty Moody of Fairmount spent the weekend with Miss Katherine Thode.

Johnny Baldwin spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Baldwin at Danville.

Robert Potter has gone to Evanston for a few weeks visit with his children.

Bill Thode of Davenport, Wash. arrived Saturday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thode.

Andrew Henson of the Illinois Wesleyan College, Normal, will arrive home for the Christmas vacation this Saturday.

D. P. Brewer and son Wayne attended a Chevrolet dealers meeting and banquet at St. Louis, Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and son Harold left Tuesday for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will spend the winter months.

Miss Leone Bergfield of Blackburn College, Carlinville, arrived Friday of last week for a two weeks vacation.

Virgil Reed and family of Champaign spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clem, son Ralph, Misses Nellie Thomas and Mamie Darnall were Champaign shoppers, Saturday.

Miss Marjorie Messman of MacMurray College, Jacksonville has arrived home to spend the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Seeds are parents of a son born Dec. 16. His name is Hugh Edward. This is their second child both being boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright and son Robert, of Clinton, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lohrman and son Ronnie of Cory, Ind., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and son Joe, spent the weekend with relatives at Indianapolis. Their daughter, Mary Carol who had been visiting there returned home with them.

Among those shopping in Danville last Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Clark Henson and children, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, and daughter Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Myers and son Bobby, and Miss Creyola Hardyman.

Mrs. Ann Cooper and granddaughter, Ruth Ann Williams, of Champaign; and Leslie Cooper and family of Tuscola, were Sunday dinner guests at the D. P. Brewer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Telling of Meredosia stopped here last Monday long enough to say hello to a few friends. They were en route to Springfield, Ohio, for a two weeks visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Witt, daughter Lila Mae, Mrs. Olive Benefiel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Archer and daughter Harriet visited Ross Hardyman and family at St. Joseph on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laverick entertained at dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson, daughter Miss Marjorie, Danville; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Champaign; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Johnson, children, Joe and Barbara Lou, Allerton.

Orange and Blue Echoes

L. V. H. S.—Long View, Illinois.

We wish all our readers the Merriest of Christmases and Happiest of New Years.

Last Sunday a crowd of approximately 400 attended the concert presented by the high school band and glee club.

The Christmas vacation will begin this Friday and continue until the Wednesday after New Year.

The senior English class and the typing class have merged and the result will be a school newspaper entitled the "Hornets Nest" which will appear this week.

The senior class gave a party Tuesday night at the high school. Dancing and games were enjoyed by all. Santa appeared to present the gifts and treat. Outside a lighted Christmas tree reflected the school yuletide spirit.

The Longview Invitational Tourney will close Friday night. The ladies of the United Brethren Church will serve dinner starting at 5:30 at the high school. Following this at 7:30 the consolation game will be played and at 8:30 the championship game.

The Hornets came through the Allerton Tourney with flying colors last Saturday night by defeating the Fairmount five by a margin of 27 points, the score being 47-20. Wayne Nohren, commonly known as "Stretch," made 21 points to take the scoring honors for the evening. This is the second time that L. V. has won the championship of the Allerton tourney. They defeated Homer last year to win this honor.

Mobley Sentenced on Pleading Guilty

Tuscola, Dec. 19—Oscar Mobley, 36, of Fairland, entered a plea of guilty to two charges on Tuesday in Douglas county court and was sentenced to the Vandalia penal farm for terms of 12 months and six months.

Mobley was charged with leaving the scene of an accident in connection with the fatal injuring of Donald Quick of Villa Grove on Nov. 23. The other charge of driving a car while intoxicated was lodged against him later on another arrest.

Mobley was sentenced to a year at the penal farm on the first charge and to six months for the latter charge, placed by R. A. Beaman, Villa Grove night policeman.

Casanova Raid Fines, Costs Total \$693

Wholesale arrests which followed a raid of the Casanova tavern, 1801 South Neil street, early Sunday morning, has resulted in collection of fines and costs totalling \$693.

The raid resulted in the arrest of Philip McLaughlin, as keeper, and 101 alleged patrons. Eight men arrested were committed to Chanute Field authorities without local prosecution. The remaining 94 were fined a total of \$735 by Magistrate Earl Meenach. Remaining unpaid is \$42 assessed six defendants committed to the county jail for non-payment.

The state received \$341 of the aggregate fines collected. The remaining \$352 was the amount of sheriff's fees and court costs. —News-Gazette.

Many local fans will attend the basketball tournament at Longview this Thursday and Friday nights.

Othol Hardyman of Camargo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orron Hardyman on Thursday of last week.

O. E. S. Will Hold School of Instruction

Broadlands Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a school of instruction in the Masonic hall on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, Jan. 10, with a potluck supper at 6:00 o'clock. Mrs. Ethel Breedlove of Arcola will be the instructor. All members are urged to attend.

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The Bridge Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Wesley Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Betts will leave Saturday to spend Christmas with the Howard and Robert Dyar and Farrell Cook families in Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Merle Buddemeier was a guest Wednesday afternoon at a miscellaneous shower in the home of M. F. Ray, Sidney, in honor of Miss Betty Lou Price. Miss Price will be married Dec. 26, to Lowell Buddemeier.

An enjoyable program was given by the grade school pupils and teachers Wednesday evening, the new electric lights being used for the first time at night.

Quarterly examinations were scheduled for Thursday and Friday, after which classes will be dismissed until Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Ladies of the Christian Church Loyal Workers met for potluck luncheon Wednesday with Mrs. Iva Hales. Other guests were Mrs. Phoebe Mavity, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mrs. Alice Hanley and Mrs. Emma Thomas.

Devotionals were led by Mrs. Lillian Gosnell, and Mrs. E. C. Hagerman led the program which consisted of Christmas carols, poems, and a story, "Christmas Down the Alley."

In the election of officers, Mrs. Iva Hales was elected president; Mrs. E. C. Hagerman, vice president; Eva Boyd, sec.-treas.; and Mrs. Eva Parks, assistant sec.-treas.

LYDICK'S STORE at Newman, handling Jewelry, Music, Shoes, Hose and other Gifts, will be open from 7 morning till 9 at night from Dec. 11 to Dec. 23rd.

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Sun., December 24

Continuous Show from 2:15

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