One Year Ago
• When the Arnold C. Dienstberger Foundation recently announced its annual grants, it gave the Interfaith Thrift Shop $10,000. Thanks to local generosity, the thrift shop is undertaking an expansion project that will enable it to continue helping the economically-disadvantaged have happy holidays. According to Secretary Dorothy Hoffman, the Rev. Albert Ottenweller, who was the pastor at St. John the Evangelist Church, spearheaded the Thrift Shop's beginning in 1971.

25 Years Ago — 1987
• The Delphos Rotary Club collected $700 which will be divided between Delphos Community Christmas Project and St. Vincent DePaul Society. Bruce Sommers, Rotary president, presented a check for $350 to Cletus Hickey, president of St. Vincent DePaul Society. Rotarian Vince Metzner presented a $350 check to Sharyl Odenweller for the Delphos Christmas project.
• Craig Walls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walls of Fort Jennings, was first-place winner in the Columbus Grove High School and the Putnam County annual Voice of Democracy broadcast script-writing program. The Columbus Grove High School senior won a $100 U.S. Savings Bond and received a plaque as winner in the contest sponsored by the Columbus Grove Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9648 and its auxiliary.
• Girl Scout Troop 24 of Fort Jennings went Christmas carolling at Delphos and area nursing homes. They visited Delphos Memorial Home, Sarah Jane Chambers Geriatric Center and Paradise Oaks Nursing Center, Cloverdale. Among the girls carolling were Lisa Wiechart, Kari Hoersten, Sherrie Good, Shannon Gerdeman, Allison Utrup, Jessica Hildebrand, Julie Schweller, Jennifer Metzger, Marlena Calvelage, Heather Von Lehmdon, Amy Will, Angie Amstutz, Carrie Askins and Stacy Merricle.

50 Years Ago — 1962
• St. John's High School will reach a milestone in the history of its athletics during the coming Holiday Tournament slatted to be held at the local gym Dec. 26 and 28. The 1962-63 Blue Jay basketball team will have the honor of taking part in the school's 1,000th cage game, which will be the tourney game on Dec. 28. The 1962-63 season marks the 45th year of basketball at St. John's.
• Robert, Ben and Charles Violet have announced the formation of a partnership and expect to open a fertilizer business by next spring. Construction of their plant which will be located on 13th Street near the AC & Y Railroad, is scheduled to begin as soon as weather permits.
• The choirs of Jefferson High School and Blue Creek High School presented one of the finest Christmas concerts within memory at the Jefferson auditorium Monday night. Ann Dienstberger and Alida Raabe acted as piano accompanists for the Jefferson groups.

75 Years Ago — 1937
• The members of the American Legion Junior Auxiliary entertained with a pleasing Christmas program Thursday evening complimenting their mothers. The program was given in the Legion rooms and was much appreciated by the auxiliary members. A dinner was served at one long table appropriately centered with a Christmas tree. Dorothy Mundy served as toast-mistress.
• The members of the Afternoon Bridge Club and one guest, Mrs. Otto G. Lang, were entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leo Odenweller, South Main Street. Three

tables were arranged for bridge and at the conclusion of the games, Anna Lindeman held high score, Elizabeth Werner, second, and Mrs. John Marsh, Jr., third.
• Tickets for the annual Christmas Charity Dance to be held at St. John's auditorium on Christmas night are being sold. The dance is being given under the sponsorship of the Phi Delta Sorority. Karl Beach and his orchestra of Lima, will play. The proceeds of the dance will be used to buy shoes for local poor children. Dance tickets may be secured at the Rustic, King and Stallkamp's, Rosselit's Drug Store, the Palace Sweet Shop or from any sorority member.

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