

# Oyster supper holiday highlight in 1889

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special treat. Members of the Mechanics Band serenaded them with carols from the bandstand on the Courthouse lawn.

Christmas was celebrated by the Dancing Club with a dance. The *Telephone* readers were informed that, "About 50 couples took part, and the dancing was kept up until a late hour." Music was provided by the Seward Orchestras. Out-of-town guests at the dance were the Misses

Maud and Eugene Daggy, Ida Clever and James Robinson of Spencer, Charles Allen and wife and Charles Smith and Miss Emma Houston of Gosport.

At Stanford the Jay Sparks family received a very special gift. There was a new baby daughter.

Not all of the news in Monroe County at that Christmas was good. At Stinesville an unfortunate misunderstanding was settled with a shotgun, leaving one dead and one gravely wounded. The alleged gunman spent his holiday eluding the

sheriff.

The parents of John F. Clifford, an Indiana University student, received some very welcome news. He was recovering nicely, thank you, from typhoid fever and would be going home for the holidays.

There were those who kept out of sight during the Christmas season. In its Ellettsville news column, the *Telephone* commented, "The fox drive in Washington Township was well attended." Though no foxes were caught, "a fine time is reported by those who attended."