

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## A FINE PROGRAM

Decatur High School Pupils  
Rendered a Delightful  
Program Yesterday

## HAD MANY VISITORS

Program Was Given in Sec-  
tions and it Was Well  
Appreciated by All

A very interesting literary program was rendered at the Decatur high school yesterday afternoon. It was rendered in sections and to say the least it was excellent. The program as it was rendered is as follows:

### FRESHMAN.

So Did I ..... Ruth Baltzell  
My First Foot Ball Game.....Glen Falk  
The Froze Writers of Indiana.....

..... Sim Burk

Concerning the Class of '11.....

..... Ruth Hammell

The Story of an Operator.....Cleo Henry

My First Automobile Ride.....

..... Samuel Faurot

My First Hunting Adventure.....

..... Francis Gast

The Farm ..... Harry Hoffman

Advantages of City Life.....Ethel Butler

Resolved—The World Owe More to

the Farmer than to the Inventor.

Affirmative: Elmyra Van Camp,

Marie Ball; negative, Lewis Adler,

Lawrence Biggs.

America's Foremost Woman.....

..... Emma Shultz

The Miracle of Self Confidence.....

..... Manie Kitson

The Value of an Education to a

Woman ..... Vera Hammond

Class Phrophecy .....Alice Brandyberry

The Trappers Trapped.....Earl Colter

Should the Young People Read Nov-

els..... Anna Amspaugh

Wanted—A Minister's Wife.....

..... Jessie Phillips

Historical Trees .....Dessie Mann

Resolved—War has brought more

suffering upon humanity than in-

temperate use of intoxicating

drink. Affirmative: Martin Hoff-

man, Roy Jahn, Clem Steigmeyer.

Negative: Ruth Gay, Matie Chron-

ister, Hulda Bauer.

### SOPHOMORE PROGRAM.

Debate: Resolved, "That Lee was a

greater general than Grant." Af-

firmative speaker, Fred Meyers;

Negative speaker, Lawrence

Archbold. The judges decided in

favor of the negative.

Abraham Lincoln.....Howard Wischaupt

College Life Elevates Ideals.....

..... Perth Crays

Emperor Nero ..... Don Burk

Wives in a Social Game.....Anna Winans

Manual Training.....Clyde Baumgartner

Not Yet But Soon.....Harold Wilcox

Debate: Resolved, "That the Drama

has done more for the world than

the novel." Affirmative, Ruby

Parrish and Loes Meyers; nega-

tive, Lucile Cusack and Edna Huff-

man. The judges decided in favor

of the negative.

The Practical Side of American Art

..... Alma Kookken

Psalm of Marriage.....

..... Homer Raudenbush

The Golden Rule in Business.....

..... Irene Edwards

A Romance in the Air.....

..... Bruce Patterson

Arbor Day ..... Effie Patton

Governor Johnson.....Lulu Beachler

PROGRAM FOR SECOND SECTION

JUNIORS.

Secretary's Report.....Tracy Nelson

The Race is not always to the Swift

..... Bennie Peavers

Are the Public School What They

Should Be ..... Vernia Smith

Debate: Resolved: "That we owe more

to the farmer than the inventor."

Affirmative, Beatrice Van Camp

and Bessie Boyers; negative,

Tracy Nelson and Josephine

Krick. Judges decided in favor

of affirmative.

Visit to the Man in the Moon.....

..... Leota Bailey

College Athletics.....Otis Dibble

The Girl of Today.....Fannie Hammell

Purpose Push to Patience.....

..... Theresa Baltzell

The Kitchen of the Future.....

..... Inez Snellen

Inland Waterways.....Hugh Perkins

Debate—Resolved, "That Slavery has

been a Greater Curse to Mankind

than Intemperance." Affirmative

Arthur Sellemeyer and Marie

Jackson; negative, Helen Niblick

and Fanchon Daugherty. Judges

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## FORMERLY LIVED IN ADAMS CO.

Mrs. Kirchner, of Fort Wayne, Died  
Friday Morning.

Mrs. Rosine Kirchner, a venerable resident of this city, and for many years prior to 1881 a resident of Adams county, died on Friday morning at the advanced age of eighty-nine years at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Krauskopf, 1234 Oak street. Mrs. Kirchner was born in Elsfield, Thuringen, Germany, in 1819, and came to Adams county in 1854, making the trip to Fort Wayne by way of the old Wabash and Erie canal. In 1881 she came to this city to reside and had been living with her daughter ever since. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church and is survived by her two children, F. Kirchner and Mrs. Krauskopf. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock from the residence and 2:15 o'clock from St. Paul's Lutheran church.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Mrs. J. L. Robison returned to her home at Hoagland after transacting business in the city yesterday.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Dore B. Erwin Appointed  
Commissioner to Sell  
Real Estate

## A FINAL REPORT

Shepherd Estate to Be Set-  
tled as Insolvent—  
Damage Case

Dore B. Erwin was appointed by the Adams circuit court as a commissioner to sell eighty acres of realty in Monroe township, and as such commissioner will give bond in the sum of \$15,000. This commission arose from the partition suit of Rebecca Stauffer et al, vs. John B. Duer, et al, calling for a division and sale of real estate. The cause was submitted and a finding made in favor of the plaintiffs.

In the partition suit of Eady vs. Fisher, a final report and account was filed by the commissioner, E. Burt Lenhart, which was allowed by the court, and the commissioner discharged.

Andrew Gottschalk as executor of the W. H. Shepherd estate, filed a petition to settle the estate as insolvent, he submitting evidence in proof of this contention. The executor was ordered to so settle said estate and the clerk of the Adams circuit court to give notice of same.

While at Huntington yesterday the issues were made up in the case of Kiracoe vs. Erie Railroad. Judge Merryman set the case down for trial on May 5. The case is one wherein the plaintiff seeks \$500 damages for injuries sustained while in the employ of the railroad.

## THEY HELP THE FARMER.

Fort Wayne and Springfield a Great  
Advantage to Farmers.

The Ft. Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co. carries into Ft. Wayne every morning 400 gallons of milk which nets to the farmers along the road \$48.00 per day. They also carry butter, eggs, chickens, hay, grain and in fact everything that is grown on the farm, and deliver to the farmer anything that he may order from the cities or towns. There are 15 or 20 children and young men and women who go to school at Ft. Wayne, that take advantage of the interurban and board at home, thus saving a large board bill. It increases the value of their farms from fifteen to twenty-five dollars per acre. The increased price of butter, eggs and other products for the past year in Decatur is claimed to be due to the farmers sending it to Ft. Wayne where better prices could be obtained.

Roy Dolby, a young man in Liberty township, Wells county, is defendant in two paternity suits and has given a \$500 bond in each case. The complainants are Miss Nora K. Kingren and Miss Nettie Huffman, the latter but 15 years of age.

## WOOL IS LOWER

Responsible Wool Mer-  
chants Say the Wool Bus-  
iness Looks Gloomy

## TEXTILE MILLS CLOSE

Only Fifty Per Cent Being  
in Operation—Do Not Use  
Binder Twine

J. D. Hale is in receipt of a letter from a responsible wool merchant in which many facts concerning the market for same are presented. He states that not since the eventful year of 1900 has the wool outlook been so gloomy. The present financial conditions have so affected the textile mills, as much if not more than any other business and not over fifty per cent of the mills are in operation, and these are only working on positive orders. The above stated conditions coupled with the facts of the national election confronting the wool dealers and tariff legislation advocated by both parties and the recent decline of 15 to 25 per cent in the last London auction sales just closed on cross breed wools, such as are raised principally in Indiana, it behooves the wool buyers to be cautious in the purchase of new clip. We are also informed that had it not been for domestic fleece being relatively cheaper than foreign wool during the season of 1907, prices would have been at least four cents lower. It is also an assured fact that the farmers must eradicate the use of binder twine as there is a concerted action and an agreement among all the manufacturers not to buy any wool tied with binder twine or twine of its character. Wool twine must be used or the fleece will not be accepted, hence the growers should take heed and lay in a supply of wool twine.

## THAT NEW STATION

Clover Leaf Traveling  
Freight Agent Gives  
Hunch About Depot

## HE OUGHT TO KNOW

He States That Work on  
Same Will Begin Some  
Time in June

While in the city Thursday evening, Harry Webber, traveling freight agent for the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad, gave Decatur people the assurance that the new depot will positively be constructed this summer, work to begin on same in the month of June. Mr. Webber also emphasized the fact that the new station would be modern in every respect, built of brick, and equipped with the very latest conveniences. As has been stated the old structure will be moved about fifty feet westward and converted into a freight house, while the new depot will be built on the ground that has been used for a lawn. According to these plans the new station will be situated near the sidewalk where the railroad and sidewalk meet and much convenience will thus be added. The appropriation for the construction has already been made and Mr. Piercher, the agent has been instructed to ascertain whether or not a water line is near the site. Many people from this city patronize the Clover Leaf railroad and it is to meet the demands of our people that the new station will be built.

Returning from work at noon Thursday, William Ellinger, a farmer southwest of Goshen, found his wife in a dying condition from carbolic acid which she had taken with suicidal intent. Mrs. Ellinger lived but five minutes. She left a note addressed to her husband, bidding him an affectionate farewell and praying his forgiveness. The woman stated simply that she was tired of life.

## SHOWS A GREAT INCREASE.

Church Membership in Indiana is  
Rapidly Growing.

The church membership of Indiana in 1907 increased 70,490 as shown by a report which has just been completed by the Indiana bureau of statistics. The total membership in 1906 was 932,655, in 1907 it was 1,003,145. The report compiled this year by the bureau of statistics is thought to be the most complete ever produced in the state. It is said to be far more nearly accurate than the report which was issued last year, and for this reason comparisons with last year's report are likely to be misleading. However, it is believed the increase in church membership has been fully as great, if not greater, than that shown by the comparison of the 1906 figures and the 1907 figures. Last year's report was based largely on estimates. This year the different denominations of the state, knowing that a report was to be issued, have kept tab on increase in membership, value of church property, money raised, etc.

## WILL BE A BRIDE

Miss Emma Hoffman An-  
nounced Her Engagement  
to Gary Banker

## IN UNIQUE WAY

At a Called Meeting of the  
Menu-Ates at Her Home  
Last Night

With her home beautifully decorated in prevailing colors of red, white and pink, Miss Emma Hoffman as hostess, delightfully entertained the members of the Menu-Ates last night and in a unique manner she announced her engagement to Walter L. Plew, a banker at Gary, Indiana. The menu ate girls gathered at the beautiful home promptly at six o'clock, where an elaborate four course dinner was served much to the delight of all. Ribbons to the number of six were extended from the overhanging chandelier to each plate, arranged for the six girls, connected with which were hand painted bridal wreath cards containing the names of the bride and groom to be and thus the news of the coming marriage of this most estimable couple was announced to the most intimate friends of the bride to be. As planned, the marriage will occur some time during next September, immediately after which the happy couple will repair to Gary, where a furnished home will await their arrival. Miss Hoffman is one of Decatur's most popular girls. Her kind disposition and sterling worth has made for her a multitude of staunch friends who wish for her a most prosperous matrimonial career. Mr. Plew is a prosperous young business man who went to Gary when but a few houses had been constructed. He engaged in the banking business and has met with an abundance of success. The Menu-Ate girls who enjoyed the hospitality of the intended bride were Misses Lucile Hale, Frances Merryman, Marie Deery, Pansy Bell and Miss Edna Hoffman. Misses Fannie Frisinger and Winifred Johnson, the other members of the organization who are attending U. U. at Bloomington, were sent announcements of the future marriage.

## CAME HOME FROM THE WEST.

George L. Maddy Spent the Winter  
at Phoenix, Arizona.

George L. Maddy came in this morning from Chicago, he having stopped there a few days on his way home from Phoenix, Arizona, which he declares is the greatest climate in this country. There was not a day during the entire winter when it was necessary to stay indoors, it being warm and pleasant. Mr. Maddy will take up his work in the Indiana and Ohio territory for Pick & Co., the Chicago jobbers in fixtures and supplies for hotels and restaurants.

## BUYS NEW CABLE

Citizens' Telephone Com-  
pany to Make Ex-  
tensions

## A GREAT DEMAND

Keeps Them Humping to  
Keep Pace With Tele-  
phone Requests

F. M. Schirmeyer, secretary and manager of the affairs of the Citizens' Telephone Company, came home last evening from Chicago. While there he purchased 10,000 feet of cable which will be used in extensions for their service in this city. The new cable will be placed on north Fifth street, west Monroe street and north and south Eleventh street. The cable in the alley between First and Second streets will be replaced with one hundred pair cable, that in use at present being insufficient to the excessive service demanded. This, however, is the cry from all quarters of the city. The Citizens' company has ever and always been progressive, but at that it is difficult for them to keep pace with the demand for additional service. The new cable will enable them to furnish telephones to every one in the city.

They are experiencing the same trouble in keeping up their country telephones. New subscribers are daily after them and they now completely cover the northern part of the county. The bulk of the additions lately have come from Preble and that vicinity.

Stock in the Citizens' Telephone company still keeps soaring, and it is almost impossible to pick up even a few measly shares. Dr. D. D. Clark has been the lucky one lately, but at that it is difficult to find any for sale.

## THE GOAT IS GAY

The Masons to Cut Their  
Belt on May  
Fifth

## A POSTPONEMENT

The Elks' Social Event Has  
Been Postponed for the  
Present

A feast for the Masonic goat is billd for occurrence in this city on Tuesday, May 5. At that time three candidates are dated up and will come forth from the ordeal with all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason. The victims are Jesse C. Sutton, Huber DeVoss and D. L. Kocher. The work will begin at three o'clock in the afternoon and will be concluded some time during the wee small hours. The Willsire and Geneva oldges will be present and assist in the work and at its conclusion a banquet will be given, in which the visitors, the candidates and the members of the local lodge will participate. The event will be highly enjoyable to those who wear the credentials of a Master Mason.

The big social event that was scheduled to come off at the Elks' hall the twenty-first of this month, and which had been left to a committee to decide upon, has been indefinitely postponed for several reasons. The exact date will be announced when the plans for same are perfected. The character of the entertainment has not as yet been decided although the committee may arrange for a big dance. Whatever its nature, the people who attend will be royally entertained as the Decatur Elks are the best ever.

## ELWOOD THE FAVORED ONE.

Washington, April 18.—Congressman Adair got one public building tacked onto the omnibus building bill, and that one goes to Elwood. Fifty thousand dollars is the amount appropriated.

## PORTLAND HAS REPENTED.

They Will Work for Extension of  
Electric Railway.

President W. H. Fiedlerjohann, of the Fort Wayne & Springfield Traction company and T. W. Shelton, of Decatur and Cash Beal, of Richmond, a member of the committee to raise \$10,000 to procure the right-of-way between Portland and Richmond, were in this city Monday, conferring with Portland business men relative to the extension of the traction line from Decatur to Richmond. They were met at the Hotel Adair by a number of Portland's progressive citizens who have repented the cold turn-down they gave the road a couple of years ago and expressed a willingness to get into the harness and join the other towns and cities along the line in the movement to extend the road. Next year, if the present plans are successful, the line will be extended on to this city from the north. The south division will be looked after and financed by citizens of Richmond and intervening cities and will also build the stretch from Richmond to Portland next year where the two lines will be connected and through traffic opened between Fort Wayne and Richmond.—Portland Sun.

## FROM MANSFIELD

Amount of Government  
Ownership in Swit-  
zerland

## THE VIRGINIA G. O. P.

Another Contesting Delegation—Adair Seeks Re-  
nomination

Washington, April 18.—Robert E. Mansfield, of Marion, Ind., consul at Lucerne, Switzerland, has supplied the department of commerce and labor with an interesting account of Swiss government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines. After stating that the government owns all such lines, he says the telegraph and telephone service extends to nearly every town and village in the country, and every railway station is supplied with both systems. The service is good and the rates are low. They are operated in connection with the postal service, every postoffice being provided with telegraphic facilities, and practically all of them with public telephones. Distances in Switzerland being short, the service prompt and the rates low, the telegraph and telephones are liberally patronized. Long-distance connections are made with all the local or urban telephone lines, enabling patrons to communicate with all cities and towns in the country. There are also international connections with all the countries bordering on Swiss territory.

Washington, April 18.—Warren S. Lurty, of Harrisonburg, for a long time district attorney for the western district of Virginia, is actively engaged in the movement to organize a contesting Republican delegation from that state to go to the Republican national convention to oppose the Taft endorsement and to demand on behalf of the bulk of the party recognition at the hands of the national convention. Lurty attended the recent state convention in Lynchburg; saw the officiousness of the Republican officeholders, who were there in large numbers; witnessed the elimination of the negro from politics and the induction of the lily-white party, returned to his home and at once set about to reorganize the party.

Washington, April 18.—Representative Adair denies the report that he will not seek another nomination for congress in the Eighth Indiana district. He states positively that he will be a candidate for renomination. He realizes that the presidential election will favor the candidacy of his opponent, N. B. Hawkins, of Portland, but he says he is going to make the race with the same vigor and earnestness that he did before.

Rev. H. A. Clausing, of Findlay, O., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Reformed church at Auburn, succeeding Rev. D. A. Kielsmeier, who resigned to become pastor of Salem Reformed church in Fort Wayne.

## MEXICO TO CUBA

An Interesting Letter Writ-  
ten from Havana,  
Cuba

## MUCH OF INTEREST

Mrs. Morrison Continues Her  
Pleasure Trip from  
Mexico

Havana, Cuba, Mar. 20, 1908.  
Dear Folks:—I will try and finish telling you about our winter in Mexico in this letter, and something about Cuba. It was with much regret we left Mexico, and Oaxaca especially. The climate is the finest in the world. The Oaxacan claims it was the original Garden of Eden, and tradition says that one of the buildings out at Mitla was the tower of Babel. It is very singular, however, that there is no record or tradition of the people who built these old cities of Mitla, etc. These great ruins are found in southern Mexico, Guatemala, Yucatan, and on down into Central America. They are the wonder and puzzle of archaeologists and others of less knowledge. There are a few patches of cement left on some of the stones out at Mitla, that have a red glaze and some picture writing, in Egyptian style, in fine workmanship. The ruins are not all excavated. We went in some underground passages. These ancient people at Mitla had no arches as their square top doors show, over which are immense cut stones 12 to 18 feet long, 4 to 6 feet in width, 3 to 5 feet in thickness, the wonder being how they raised these. Some of the columns are very large, long rows of them. The mosaics are fine and the patterns exact. The stone work true, the cement firm. For hundreds of years these buildings were drawn from, by the villagers around, for buildings, and even the church has some of these stones in her walls. But the government has stopped this vandalism now and set a guard over these ruins. But we can guess what it once was. Every day, people from all parts of the world come to see it. I do not think there was a day we were at the Francia (two weeks) that parties did not arrive and start next morning for Mitla. It takes two days for the trip. Some take three days. For any one interested in such things one is repaid for the trip, but I must not say more about Mitla or I will not have time to speak of other things, and there are so many of them. The merchants! All over Mexico, every place big and little, if you buy anything, often before wrapping the article a record of the sale is made in a book. Each month a government official examines the books, and takes a tax according to the sales. Even the railroad offices are the same. A heavy fine and imprisonment is the penalty of fraud in this matter. Another thing. Every where you are besieged with men, boys and old women, usually hideously ugly, old women to buy lottery tickets. They are licensed by the government and put out by the city to raise money for municipal purposes—streets, sewers, etc. They say the people will not stand the tax for it, but this way the money comes easy and cheerfully. Yet it is very bad for the people themselves as every cent they can get they use for buying lottery tickets, hoping to draw the grand prize. They sell from ten cents to five dollars each. Indeed, I cannot say how high, but I believe five is as high as they go, but may go to \$25.00. I never inquired, although solicited to buy ten thousand times. The stores in Mexico all have a name. A drug store may be called the Door of Heaven, and a saloon (Cantina or a pulque shop) "Our Lady of Angels" or "Jesus and Mary" or "The Blessed Virgin." I have read so many queer names, but just at this moment they slip from my mind.  
I write every letter in such haste I forget what I have already told you. Hugh Hite is delighted with Oaxaca and his cheeks are filling out and he is getting brown as a berry. The Decatur boys seem to be prosperous and are well respected and liked. I am proud of them in every way, and down here they seem very near to me—like relatives. They have all been very kind to me, to both of us. You will laugh when you see the collection  
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