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#### WELCOME HOME

The first day of Old Home Week is here, a delightful day, set with clear skies, happy faces, flags and bunting everywhere, showing the holiday spirit and a realization of months of preparation. The guests are coming in on every train, glad to get back and showing that fact in every move. We welcome you, from the very bottom of our hearts, to the best town in the world. We know you will agree with us that it is a better town than when you left. We have advanced, we have hit our stride, and we are going on. We want you to see what we are doing. We want you to know that your old home is one you need not be ashamed of, a town that "can and will" do things. The program for the week is elaborate, and we only ask that you keep on shaking hands and enjoying it. Boost a little for Decatur and old Adams county. It will help. Our hospitality is sincere. The decorations, the bands, the shows, the big parades, the speeches, the special effort on the part of every one is for you. We are anxious to do it right and are trying our best to make you say, "Old Decatur is all right!" If we have failed in any particular, it is simply an oversight. If you want anything and don't see it, ask for it. Old Home Comers, the town is yours for this week. We love you because you are a part of us, whether you live on the Pacific coast, the eastern shores, in the south or in the north, we hope you have the best time this week you ever had in your life.

#### Welcome To Home Comers

they are still doing it. Everywhere they find evidence of the fact that "Decatur Can and Will" and "Is." To greet the citizens the city band in its bright new uniforms, was on the street early this morning and during the day, rendering those old familiar airs to greet the home-comers to "Home, Sweet Home," as well as the newer airs.

**Town in Gala Dress.**  
Never has the old town looked lovelier. Selfert Brothers have furnished their part well in the decorations. Gay streamers and pennants and flags

#### WELCOME BLESS YOUR HEARTS!

The "Home-Comers" are already with us in large numbers. Bless their hearts; that was the object of our celebration. May each day swell their number and our happiness be supreme. "Home-Comers," we extend the glad hand. All of us extend the hand of welcome to you. We will try and entertain you handsomely. Go to the library building and register your name there. We will give you a beautiful souvenir badge. Wear it conspicuously. It is a badge of honor. Write your name on the badge. The badge entitles you to a smile, a handshake and the hospitality of our people. Citizens of Decatur! You have planned and planned for this celebration. You have arranged with enormous effort a splendid program. You have decorated. You have prepared for this celebration in every way. Now, to all this, add your best hospitality. Shake by the hand each guest. Warm up to him. Don't wait for an introduction. Ask him if he is happy, if he is enjoying himself, if he is properly accommodated. Be solicitous for his welfare while he is with us. Take the initiative in introducing yourself. You will make yourself happy and our guests happier and our celebration a complete success.

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and bunting and designs make archway over the streets through which the throngs pass. The streets leading from the railways have suspended from an archway every half square a large American flag. All the business houses have their own special decorations and fine special displays artistically arranged. The residences have attired themselves in splendid dress and have thrown open their doors with true hospitality.

#### Lodges Keep Open House.

The many members of the various lodges will find an open house greeting for them at the headquarters of each. Nearly all the lodges have given time to special decorations and there their old members and friends will find every comfort and convenience for resting. Among these are the Ben Hur, Elks, Masons, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and the auxiliaries of all. All have arranged for a special reception evening.

#### The Odd Fellows' Meet.

The Odd Fellows' district meeting held here this afternoon and this evening was one of the feature meetings of the order in Indiana this year. At noon J. L. Harmon, grand master of Indiana, arrived over the Grand Rapids & Indiana and he was conducted to the hall where the local degree team conferred the initiatory degree on a candidate. The crowd was large and the committee made arrangements to have the court room for the evening session which will be public. Geneva sent an advance delegation on the 7 o'clock train and the team arrived on the 3 o'clock train, going at once to the hall where they put on the first degree. The parade was started from the hall at 3 o'clock and with Grand Master Harmon leading, marched through the principal streets to music furnished by the Decatur City band. The business session of the lodge was held directly after the parade. This evening the court room will be used instead of the hall for the public meeting and at that time the grand master will give an address, which will be followed by an address by Kate I. Nichols, president of the Rebekah assembly of Indiana. A social time will follow the addresses. Berne, Geneva, Bluffton, Monroeville, Fort Wayne and Huntington sent delegations to be present at the meeting here and Bluffton, who will have a district meeting in their city October 26th, sent a bunch of boosters for it. The meeting at the court house will be started promptly at 7:30 o'clock and will be public and free to all who wish to hear these speakers. J. L. Harmon is an attorney noted throughout the northern part of the state as an orator and his address will prove of worth to all who hear it. About two hundred Odd Fellows visited the local lodge today.

#### The Midway Splendors.

The midway splendors are many and varied and find an echo in the interest of all. The public square is a busy place. On all sides are pitched the tents of various entertainers, the merry-go-rounds, the ferris wheel, the human spiders, human elephants, the minstrels, the animal shows, the fortune tellers, etc. Booths of all kinds, for refreshments and souvenirs, hold forth on all the streets and you can get anything you want in any line. The Mazeppa and Greater United

shows arrived Saturday and the tents were up and in place early this morning, and will please all. The balloon races given by Coleman Bros. will take place at 4:30 o'clock on Market street near the jail and will be a novel feature. Herr Granada and Fedora, who are scheduled for their human elephant act, in the court house square, a free performance, could not make connections to arrive here this afternoon, hence this afternoon's performance could not be given. They will probably be here in time for tonight's act at 9 o'clock, and for the others during the week.

#### Where Shows Are Located.

Mazeppa Shows, Main and Madison. Kelly Show, Main and Monroe. Sherries' Working World, Main and Jefferson. Twin Steers, 7,500 pounds, Main and Jefferson. Merry-go-round, Court and Third. Maid of the Mist, Court and Third. Indiana George, 10-in-1 show, Madison and Third. Spider Girl, Madison and Third. Tiger Bill's Wild West Show, on D. M. Hensley lot, on Main street. Ocean Wave, Madison, between Main and Third. Big Eli Ferris Wheel, Main and Madison. Novelty Poodle Dog Show, Court and Main.

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

Friends of Midge Smith  
Wish Her Bon Voyage on  
Matrimonial Sea.

#### A BIRTHDAY PARTY

For Miss Bultemeier--Fort  
Wayne Club Comes Down  
and Surprise Her.

"Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight,  
Make me a child again just for tonight."

The Epworth League of the Methodist church gave a delightful program Sunday evening, that carried out the lesson study interestingly. Miss Agnes Eady was the leader.

The members of the Thimble club found the J. C. Patterson home ablaze with light and good cheer when they arrived Saturday evening to wish Miss Smith a "Bon Voyage" on the matrimonial sea. The home was prettily decorated with bitter-sweet and sylvia and the richness of their colors only added more warmth to the happy wishes bestowed upon the bride-elect. At 6:30 a delightful tea was served at little tables by the hostesses, the Misses Marie Patterson and Fannie R. Hite. The dining room was lighted with a myriad of twinkling candles, peeping through bowers of greenery, and the centerpiece of each table was a miniature sea filled with gaily floating sail boats. The sea was surrounded with candles in crystal sticks. From the boats small silken ribbons lead to the plates where they ended in little yellow and gold anchor-shaped place cards. Yellow and white were the colors of the tea, and the leas were served in little paper cups tied with a yellow tulle ribbon. The ice cream of the last course was served in the form of yellow and white cupids. After tea, the young ladies danced the Virginia reel and as each couple advanced toward the hostesses they were blind-folded and given sails to pin upon the mast of a ship which was fastened at one end of the room. Happily, the honored guest, Miss Midge Smith, was the most successful in "rigging the ship." The guests included the Thimble club and Mrs. Hugh Hite, Mrs. L. A. Holthouse, Mrs. W. L. Lehne, Mrs. Bart France, the Misses Madge and Mary Hite, Faye Smith, Mrs. Fred Bell of Elwood, Mrs. O. E. Smith of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Schilling and son, Arden, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Zerkle.

Miss Martha Ponner was a pleasing hostess at a dinner party Sunday noon at her home north of Monmouth. Cereers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Crooks and granddaughter of Van Wert, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. S. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kunkel, W. A. Ponner and family.

Rev. L. C. Hossert of the German Reformed church officiated this morning at the parsonage at the wedding of Miss Flossie Malston and Mr. Otto Feller, two well known young people. The young couple will make their home at present with the bride's parents. She is a daughter of John Malston and the groom a son of Ulysses Feller.

The popularity of Miss Clara Bultemeier, the folly clerk at the Peoples

& Gerke shoe store, is not confined to this city and county. Saturday evening on returning home from work she found the A. J. R. club of Ft. Wayne had motored down in the Foster truck and with Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Nahrwald, of Fort Wayne, also, and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Peoples of this city, were waiting to extend best birthday greetings to her. The surprise was most complete. After recovering, they played cards and different games and sang, until "an early hour," and then served a delicious lunch of good things which they brought with them. A handsome cut-glass gift was given. Miss Clara, with many wishes for happy returns of the day. The club members present were: Bert Marhenke, Emella Rodewald, Mollie Marhenke, Amanda Grothman, Miss SH, Ora Quandt, Clara Denzler, Martha Schroeder, Miss Heine, Martha Schoener, Al Koop, Louis Wiehe, John Koop, Will Zwick, Ed Harman, Martin Franke, Fred Kruchenberg, Paul Horstmeier, Arthur Kiel, chauffeur for the Foster furniture store.

The C. C. Boese family were among the guests at the home of his father, William Boese, near Fredhelm, Sunday. The father celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary with appropriate festivities, in which the children and grandchildren joined.

Mrs. Helen Berling, Mr. and Mrs. U. Deininger, Mae Berling and Bertha Voglewede motored to Fort Wayne Sunday, where they visited with the Misses Mathilda and Genevieve Berling and Frances Deininger at the Sacred Heart academy.

Among the series of dinner parties for out-of-town guests will be one Tuesday by Mrs. R. J. Holthouse and one Wednesday by Mrs. C. J. Voglewede.

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